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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors have this day declared an Interim Dividend for the year ending December 31, 1939, at the rate of Two Dollar Cents Local Currency per share to be paid to Shareholders on record on Tuesday, January 16, 1940.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from January 10 to January 16, 1940.

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Shanghai, December 27, 1939.

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9 A.W.C.: Wm. Blackstone, baritone, 4.45
9 For. Y. Lecture: 'Chinese War Finances and Currency,' by Mr. E. Kann
9 Shanghai Reel Club, Practice
9 Artist Club, Eastern Theatre, Hongkew
'Nathan the Wise,' by Lessing
9 'Mme. Butterfly,' opera, Lyceum, 9
9 *Plow Monday*
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10 K.D.S. mtg., 1292 Joffre, tea 4.30, bus. 5.15
10 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
10 'Mme. Butterfly,' opera, Lyceum, 9
11 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
11 B.W.A. Classical Concert, 5.30
11 'Night in Moulin Rouge' by G. Gilbert, Light Opera, Lyc., 8.45
11 For. Y. Debate: 'Written word vs. spoken word in moulding public opinion'
12 Shanghai Reel Club, Practice
12 Shanghai Camera Club, Meeting and Lecture, 330 Szechuen Road, 9
13 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
13 'Night in Moulin Rouge,' L.O., Lyc., 8.45
14 Municipal Orchestra Concert, Lyc., 5.15
14 'Night in Moulin Rouge,' L.O., Lyc., 8.45
15 For. Y. Lecture, "Elementary Photography" by Mr. R. V. Dent, F.R.P.S., F.R.M.S.
16 A.W.C.: Miss Peterson on 'India,' 4.45
16 Shanghai Reel Club, Practice
16 Tuesday Evening Club, 7.30
17 B. Zakharoff and V. Havsky in a Concert for Two Pianos, Lyc., 9.15
18 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
18 B.W.A. embroidery exhibition by pupils of Mrs. Schoenbek
20 Shanghai Scottish Coy., S.V.C. Silver Jubilee Dinner, S.V.C. Club, 8
20 Grand Operatic Concert, Lisa Robitchek, Ernest Krasso, Lyceum, 9
20 B.W.A. Sports Section Dance, 9
23 A.W.C.: Dr. Gardiner on 'Diet,' 4.45
23 For. Y. Lecture: 'Trans-Ocean Air Communications,' by Mr. F. J. Sanger
25 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
25 Cradle bridge/mahjongg, S.I.B.C., 3
25 Royal Asiatic Society Annual Meeting
25 Chamber Orchestra, 1939, Third Concert, Eastern Theatre, 8.30
25 'Tales of Hoffmann,' Grand Opera, music by Offenbach, Lyceum, 8.45
27 'Tales of Hoffmann,' Opera, Lyc., 8.45
28 'Tales of Hoffmann,' Opera, Lyc., 8.45
30 A.W.C. Bridge and Mahjongg, 3
30 For. Y. Lecture: 'Chinese Religious Heritage' by Dr. C. B. Day

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Training Corps:
Saturday's Parade

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—In your account of the function at the Central Officers' Training Academy on Saturday last, your reporter, doubtless because of the exigencies of space, caused me considerable embarrassment by stating that "as a representative of the guests, Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead, publisher of "Oriental Affairs" wished him (i.e. General Yeh Ping, the Commandant) success in a short speech."

I am quite aware that an impromptu speech of this character does not call for full reporting, but in view of the many comments that this account has elicited, may I ask you to correct any misunderstanding that may have arisen by reproducing the following report from Sunday's "Journal de Shanghai," which correctly summarizes my remarks:

"Sollicité de dire quelques mots au nom des visiteurs, M. Woodhead, doyen des journalistes présents, declara qu'en tant que neutre il ne lui appartenait pas de prendre parti dans les différends qui existent entre les partis en Chine, et entre la China et Japon, mais qu'après avoir visité l'ecole il ne pouvait que lui souhaiter un bon succès pour tant qu'elle puisse servir au bien de la Chine, du Japon, et des puissances amies."

You will, I feel understand that it is solely for the purpose of correcting a misunderstanding regarding my impromptu remarks that I ask you to publish this extract.

H. G. W. Woodhead

Shanghai, Jan. 8.

Among the Guests

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—In your report on the Central Military Officers' Training Corps Parade in today's issue of the "North China Daily News" I wish to call your attention to the erroneous statement of "No third-party diplomatic representatives attended."

The Military and Press Attaches of the Italian Embassy and several ranking members of the German Embassy and Consulate-General were amongst those who attended the function yesterday.

Kuo Shiu-Feng.

Shanghai, Jan. 8.

Metropolitan Killed:
A Plea for Finland

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—A few days ago Reuter's agency reported the execution of Metropolitan Sheptytsky by the Red Muscovite occupants of the Western Ukraine-Galicia. I wonder how many of your readers have ever heard of this personality and of his position in the Ukrainian world.

The population of the Western Ukraine, of which the Carpathian Ukraine and Bukowina constitute undeniable ethnographical parts, though being of the Greek Orthodox rite, have for some centuries recognized the authority of the Pope, represented by a metropolitan seat in Lwow. The late Metropolitan Sheptytsky was the last of these metropolitans. Not only the recognized spiritual head of the Western Ukrainians, he was at the same time the most eminent representative of the politically moderate Ukrainian thought and was as much beloved by the Western Ukrainians as so high-placed a man could ever be. He was no less feared by the Ukraine's foes as by those hot-blooded partisans of the O.U.N., a Ukrainian organization after the Macedonian lines, merely on account of his moderateness and fervent patriotism. Only under the guise of moderateness could the Ukrainians of former Poland ever hope to reconstruct their national culture and life and bring up future contingents of fighters for an independent and free democratic Ukraine. More than once was he on the verge of being arrested by the Poles who, though themselves having received their freedom and independence from the Western democracies, did not suffer the Ukrainians to acquire the same benefits—it seems as if the disapproval of the Pope was the only obstacle.

We Ukrainians know how utterly unpopular were the Red or White Muscovites in the Western Ukraine, especially since the time when the Reds' hypocrisy and rude suppression of all human and political rights of the Ukrainians in the Soviets became widely known in the Western Ukraine. The execution of the 75 years old, half-paralysed Metropolitan Sheptytsky evidently was intended as a measure to win the love of the Western Ukrainians for those Muscovite gangsters.

Once I expressed my opinion on Poland's policy in respect to national minorities and what possible fate could befall her. Events have proved that the aforesaid policy was one of the factors of Poland's collapse. Now I think and hope that a critical moment approaches those professional Kremlin highwaymen. A more terrible punishment will be reserved for them, as the crimes committed by those assassins of children, old men and women, can hardly be compared with anything perpetrated by any fiend-inspired humans. The crimes already bear their fruits—the Red Tsar is forced to court for the favours of the Berchtesgaden house-painter—a short time ago regarded by both of them as a mutual moral degradation. Then there comes that unexpected Finland which begins to throw a quaint shadow over the prison of nations—the Soviets; the shadow assuming the shape of a gibbet for the Red hangmen. And there are still things to come!

To give a practical value to this letter, I take the liberty of inviting all fellow-citizens of this plate to double their donations to the Fund for Aid to Finland, at the Finnish Consulate-General, 301 Route Cardinal Mercier. I address especially nationally-minded Ukrainians, Caucasians, Turko-Tartars and other "separatists" whose fight for liberty is being waged by the great, heroic Finnish nation.

To the pillory with the Red assassins! Long live glorious Finland and her valiant army!

A Ukrainian.

Shanghai, Jan. 8.

Squeeze:
On the Buses and Trams

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Kindly allow this letter space in your correspondence columns in order that it may bring to the attention of the authorities of the bus and tram companies in the Settlement the growing insolent and shameless habit of squeezing of the fares by their conductors.

As a Chinese who realizes that this unfortunate and scandalous habit of squeezing among my people has been and is one of the causes of the suffering and backwardness of this country, I feel it my duty to appeal to the authorities of the bus and tram companies in the Settlement to do something to stop it once and for all. For any Chinese with the welfare of the country and people at heart to see such a disgraceful habit going on publicly, while others, i.e. the majority of the Chinese passengers and the responsible authorities of the public vehicles, do not seem to care to put a stop to it, it is really distressing.

The argument advanced by some over-patriotic—better called unpatriotic—Chinese in defence of their indifference towards such disgraceful goings on is that, after all, only the foreign concerns are the losers. This is no doubt a shortsighted way of looking at it if not a direct encouragement of letting things Chinese remain as they are even to the detriment and degradation of the people. But what explanation is there on the part on the bus and tram authorities in the Settlement for their seeming powerlessness to stop such disgraceful conduct on the part of their employees in order that the shareholders and better-class Chinese people do not, respectively, lose their financial and moral interest? No such scandalous squeezing in public has come to my notice among the conductors of the trams and buses in the Concession.

If the question of lower wages is the cause of the prevalence of squeezing by the conductors of the public vehicles in the Settlement, appropriate adjustments of the wages would surely not bring to the companies greater losses than what have already been flowing away into the dirty pockets of their shameless conductors. With the mounting scales of fares that the public now have to endure, those transportation companies can surely afford to consider the mounting cost of living of their employees or find some remedy to stop their dishonest conductors from enriching themselves at the cost of the public. Some foreigners believe that squeezing is a characteristic of the Chinese; however, there is a noticeable difference in the behaviour of the Chinese conductors employed by the transportation companies in the Concession and the Settlement as far as squeezing of the fares in public is concerned. Therefore, there must be causes that have nothing much to do with Chinese characteristics.

Any Chinese, who is eager to see whatever disgraceful and detrimental habit among his people disappear, will feel grateful to whoever cares to discourage any such habit, especially the one above referred to, which openly reflects upon the nation.

S. H. Liang.

Shanghai, Jan. 7.

Rheumatism:
Sufferer Wants Bracelet

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—There was a very hearty response some months back in the correspondence columns of this journal, to a person who first wrote as suffering from rheumatism.

I particularly remember one kind reply where the writer stated he had in his possession a bracelet made from the roots of a certain tree growing in Java. The same writer further wrote that he was quite prepared to lend this bracelet as he had several in his possession. In case he has not got them on him at the present I shall be very glad if he, or others, could inform me where it is possible to purchase a similar type of bracelet which I feel will be able to cure or at least stop the pain of rheumatism.

Replies from others of how to cure or stop the pain by natural methods will be carefully considered and most gratefully appreciated.

Also a Sufferer.

Shanghai, Jan. 7.

Lit Match In House, Summoned

You may light a match in the street at night in England and no one will mind. But if you light a match in your house with the curtains undrawn you are committing an offence and may be summoned.

This anomaly in the black-out laws was pointed out at Swindon Police Court recently, when Francis W. Mapson, of Stratton, St. Margarets, had to pay 2s. costs under the Probation of Offenders Act for permitting a light to be shown in his house.

It was stated that he got out of bed and lit a match. A policeman on the other side of the road saw the light, which was visible during the time the policeman crossed the road to the house." Mapson was said to be a pensioner whose total income was 13s. a week.

Seventy Years Ago

From the "North-China Daily News," of January 9, 1870

We hear that the two M.I. steamers alluded to in the mail news as having passed through the Canal, are the Alphee and the Erymanthe; the former was here in 1867, but was unable to cross the Woosung Bar on account of her draught, 21 feet. It is evident, therefore, that the canal is a complete success, thus far, it remains only to be seen whether it can be kept in proper repair. The "London & China Express" says M. de Lesseps is to be made Duc de Suez but this is we believe doubtful. In the meantime he has received the well-earned decoration of the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour. We notice that a telegraphic cable is to be laid along the bed of the Canal, from Port Said to Suez.

BY SAPAJOU

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From Our Own Correspondent

Brisbane, Dec. 10.

The people here move about their appointed tasks with a vast scorn for the heat. Among the men heavy suits predominate with waistcoats and starched collars. I have only seen one white suit since I landed though there are some suits being widely advertised which apparently contain minute ventilatory chasms. If these are to let the heat in or out I haven't discovered yet.

The women are more practical as always. Skirts reach only to the knee, revealing for the most part shapely limbs. The dresses are of light material and well-designed. If only someone would design similar apparel for the men all would be well but then perhaps someone else would have to design the men to use it.

Since I last saw this capital of Queensland nine years ago tremendous changes have occurred. The streets are clean and clear. Along the main thoroughfares people may cross only with the green lights or with a beckoning welcome from the police. These gentlemen are indefatigably on the job. They can be seen advising truculent inebriates to get along home or take an enforced tour of inspection of the cells of the city jail. Others again can be observed stealing up furtively on unconscious motor-cars, and taking down all particulars in the ubiquitous notebook.

Lengthy bridges have appeared like magic. Whole streets have been remodelled or rebuilt. Offices which formerly hid themselves away in strange corners of ancient buildings have now burgeoned forth into minor skyscrapers of their own. Cinema palaces dot the whole of the township.

Lethargy seems to be the keynote in the formation of the second Australian Imperial Forces which are to do duty overseas to clip the wings of Herr Hitler. Medical examination is severe. One case came to noticed of a man who had been originally passed as fit for service, being discharged, only to join up again and be passed as perfectly fit. In due course of time they will be transferred to Sydney to complete their training. There is a certain impediment in the old fashion of drilling in fours. They now move about in threes.

Parliamentary Pyrotechnics

Parliamentary pyrotechnics are still to the fore. The other day a gentleman, who insisted on his opinion too well, though not wisely, was suspended from appearance for a week. Cries of Fascism are heard freely as there is a plan afoot to place a government controller in command of the Brisbane City Council who will have autocratic power. Brisbane is not amused.

The unions are extremely strong. A plasterer apparently is not supposed to work if there is any kind of drizzle going on and I was told by a man who had lately built a hotel that when the plastering was going on the poor plasterers had to spend some considerable time of the day sauntering outside from the building to see whether they were supposed to continue or knock off work, with the pay continuing.

There are ample conveniences in Brisbane. Cigarettes, matches, stamps and many other necessities or luxuries can be had by means of slot machines. Telephoning, except in the business firms, is all done by placing a couple of pennies in a slot. Numerous taxis are on hand and all of expensive and new make. The cost is, like that of alcohol, not at all prohibitive.

The hotels, or pubs, as they are called here, are expected to close at eleven but at the right places imbibing can go on till all hours. The bars can be kept open for the benefit of residents. Brisbane has more residents than I have ever seen in any other town. The police seem to be complaisant.

Barmaids, as of old, lend their delightful presence to the bars. If not engaged in washing and drying the hosts of glasses, they drape themselves comfortably across the counter—that is their upper regions—and chat engagingly with the patrons. Beer, made for the most part in the city itself, is the main drink. Whiskey is taken in small doses with even smaller modicums of soda water or plain water as an accompaniment. It is about the same price as in London.

China Hands in Brisbane

Three or four old China hands, including one of the Westwood family of Chefoo are in town. He is working with the Brisbane Telegraph after having wandered round most of the world before alighting. Salaries are in the upper bracket but then the cost of everything is definitely more than in the cities of the Orient even when translated into the comparatively emaciated Australian pound.

One of the finest new buildings here is that of the "Courier-Mail," the "North-China Daily News" of Queensland. It is of five storeys and unlike the practice of the Far East all are used for the production of the paper. It is endowed with brains and capital and is a newspaper of proved ability.

Everything in Brisbane seems of subdued American genre. There are the same brightness in ladies' fashions, the rapid up-and-at-it methods, the same wisecracks and the same delight in outdoor pastimes. Compared with the old days there is much more of living in apartment houses where bed and an attenuated breakfast are provided, the Australian tiffin being snatched in town from one to two, the dinner or tea, as it is known in these parts, also being taken outside. Pie shops and hamburger homes are numerous.

Indescribable and incomprehensible efforts at the newest forms of art are also discoverable in Brisbane. I have seen an exhibition of post-impressionism which left me gasping for mental breath. Lop-sided, triangular and polygonal figures of women left everything to be desired. The friend who was piloting me round and I were at a loss at one which was labelled "Random Thoughts in Lilac Time" and which, he said, should have been entitled "Picture of Man Fishing from the Wrong End of a Bull."

The sun rises here about five each morning and where I am staying it comes striding impetuously into my room some short while after, practically blinding me in its insistence that it is time all good men were afoot. I am now left with the alternatives of putting on my sun glasses each night when I go to bed or sleep under it.

Here one chooses some seaside resort for the glorious benefits of sea and good air and while some nostalgic thoughts of Far Eastern Christmases linger, pure reason breaks through with the fact that the balance is indubitably on the right side of the corporeal ledger.

S. V. C. Orders

S.V.C. Mobilization Scheme, 1937.—Return of:—Personnel in possession of S.V.C. Mobilization Scheme, 1937 resigning from the Corps proceeding on leave, etc., are requested to return their copies of the above Mobilization Scheme to Corps Headquarters.

Officers.—Return from Leave:—Signals Company.—Captain W. Miles returned from leave Dec. 24, 1939.

Weapon Training — Classification (Rifle):—The undermentioned has qualified on "30 yards Range":—American Troop:—Tpr. J. S. Deatsch.

Strength:—Increase:—The undermentioned are taken on the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Cavalry:—American Troop.—Troopers E. Hamamdjian Jan. 3, J. S. Deatsch Jan. 3. Corps Troops:—Armoured Car Coy.—Private S. Anderson Jan. 4. J. J. Davies Jan. 4. "A" Battalion:—"B" Company.—Pte. D. S. Hanson Jan. 3. "B" Battalion:—Philippine Company.—Pte. D. De Leon Dec. 29. American M.G. Coy.—Pte. E. Batalin Jan. 3. Decrease:—The undermentioned is taken off the strength of the Corps as under:—"A" Battalion:—Scottish Company.—Pte. A. L. McCorkindale Jan. 4.

Curative Use of Radium

Sir Leonard Hill, director of research at the St. John Clinic and Institute of Physical Medicine, declared in a paper read before the Royal Society of Arts in London recently that the world would be little the worse off if all the radium in the country which was now buried for security from bombing remained where it was, although big monetary influences would cry out against this.

The use of radium for treatment of cancer had resulted in not a few cases in the production of intolerable and unrelievable neuralgia, he said. Since the discovery of radium by the Curies, who made not one penny out of its exploitation, enormous sums had been paid to those who worked radium-bearing ore and placed it on the market for curative purposes. It was claimed that modern X-ray methods could do all that radium did, and that dosage could be better controlled.

Objectors To War Service Heard

Girl Students Listen to Men's Reasons; Parson Aids Agnostic

When the girls of Girton College have a few hours out of class they go along to the Shire Hall in Cambridge to listen to men undergraduates explaining their objections to war service before the Conscientious Objectors' tribunal, states the "Daily Express."

Today they heard the Rev. A. C. Blyth, a tutor at the university, testify to the sincerity of Derek Victor Cooke, an agnostic. The boy is a student at Selwyn College, and Mr. Blyth is his tutor in musical composition.

Could Not Take Oath

The student, who said he could not take the oath, told the tribunal he was studying musical composition on a State scholarship. "My father was gassed in the last war, and after a few years of suffering he died. In 1914 he did not understand the futility of war as I do, but I do not blame him," he said.

Mr. Blyth, in clericaal collar and black suit, followed him in the box, and quietly took the oath. He said he was convinced that Cooke's ideas were sincere, although he did not agree with them. Cooke was registered as a conscientious objector.

Long-Haired

The tribunal have been sitting for five days, and have heard nearly 100 cases. Only five have not been undergraduates. Their pleadings are philosophical; only a few plead religious belief. They take the stand in rough tweeds, and flannels, and wearing long hair. They argue as if they were in class.

One of the tribunal members is a Cambridge University lecturer in social history, Professor Clapham. He had a history student to deal with today, A. G. Brown, of Trinity College.

He said that with modern weapons, no war was just. Professor Clapham asked, in a quiet, academic voice, if he thought there had been any just wars. "Not since the fourteenth century," replied the history student. The professor went no further into the history lesson and just said: "Very well, if you think so."

A women in the village of Thakur, Allahabad, yesterday was reported to have given birth to sextuplets. All of the babies died within a few hours of birth.

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Oxford Street As An Arcade

Scheme to Bring Business Back to London's Famous Shopping Centre

Very few of London's shopkeepers are, as yet using the officially designed box light for illuminating their windows after dark, writes a London correspondent to the "North-China Daily News." They will, however, all soon be using it but the fear of police action has somewhat, for the moment, scared shopkeepers off.

Normal lighting has just been reintroduced on the District railway, though it is only used on the underground parts of the line. When the trains approach open parts of the line the lights are switched off and only the very dim lights are used.

Expensive Black-out

The black-out is, of course, costing the big stores thousands of pounds in lost trade, and so Oxford-street, London, most famous shopping centre in the world, is likely to be turned into a giant "arcade"—with lights. Marylebone Borough Council approves of the idea, and if Sir John Anderson gives his consent Londoners will be able to shop in lighting as brilliant as that of pre-war days. Mr. Donald Hamilton, West End architect, who represents 90 per cent. of the Oxford-street traders, is responsible for the scheme.

Yesterday he said:—"The arcade would stretch from Tottenham Court-road to Marble Arch and would cost about £50,000 to build. The roof of the arcade would be built across the pavement, from shop front to kerb. Heavy canvas curtains would stretch down from the roof to the pavement, cutting out the light from the shop windows. It would be impossible for people to see the shop windows from bus tops, except in daytime when the curtains would be pulled back. People would be prevented from stepping off the pavement into the roadway, making road accidents impossible. At bus stops and crossings light locks would be arranged so that there could be no possible leakage."

Ninety per cent. of the Oxford-street traders are in favour of the idea, and are eagerly awaiting the decision of the Minister of Home Security. "From three o'clock in the afternoon till closing time only a handful of people shop in Oxford-street" said one store owner. "As far as we are concerned the arcade would be a boon."

Mornings Off

Workers in shops and offices were given mornings off recently so that they could avoid the black-out and buy their Christmas gifts before it was too late to post them. With only 14 shopping days left, business was brisker, and many of the London stores were crowded. Fewer people bought Christmas trees, chiefly because so many children were out of London, but there was a boom in thick woollen socks, Balaclava helmets, sweaters of all types, and exciting hampers which every other shop got ready to send to the troops. Daily retail sales in Great Britain were 6.5 per cent. higher last October than in October 1938, owing to early Christmas shopping and purchases for the fighting forces. In the Midlands, South Wales, and the south of England the rise was 16½ per cent., but in Central London and the West End there was a fall of 31.2 per cent.

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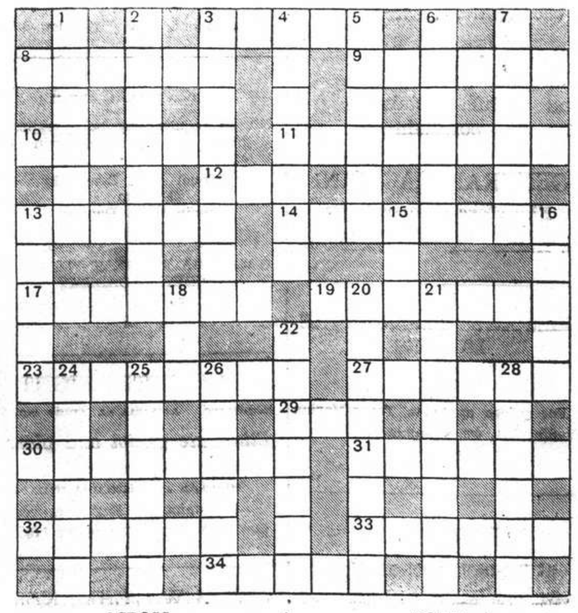


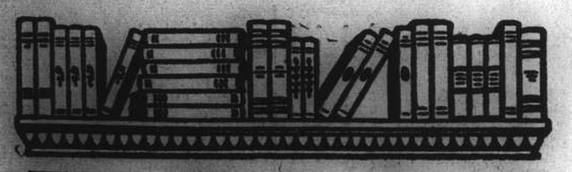
ACROSS

3 A part of the body is on the move
8 A game of golf in the neighbourhood?
9 Only if apparently of a certain nationality may vegetarians eat it
10 Part of a Communist emblem
11 This may make a dace bait
12 Part of an organ
13 Tale that looks suggestive of 3 across
14 Is it because nurses have more practice in this that they generally look smart?
17 May be the name of a man or a woman
19 A harmless fool's weapon this in spite of the end of it
23 Plant that is often found round an ordinary water-garden
27 Far from sluggish
29 To be seen on most of our coins
30 "Fair Greece! Sad relic of departed worth! ——, though no more; though fallen, great." (Byron)
31 Perhaps an agent or perhaps a middleman
32 Fret about a tree
33 Once the emblems of an ally
34 This is just beginning to talk

DOWN

1 The bravest person cannot suffer this without changing colour
2 This water plant is no relation of the jumping bean
3 A literary after-thought perhaps
4 Forward like Borough Councillors
5 Go 3 across
6 An aid to simple arithmetic for the simple
7 Cambridge College
13 Duelling ground of old
15 Was this the part of Spartan upbringing that gave health?
16 Common growth
18 A bit of light music?
20 Not an avalanche but one stage of a voyage
21 A lawyer's abode?
22 It takes cleverness to make this kind of pot
24 The sort of package to get in the way
25 People with this are sure not to take a long-sighted view of things
26 Start
28 Relax

Y'DAY'S SOLUTION.—ACROSS: 1, On the rocks; 6, Drop; 10, Agate; 11, Tangerine; 12, Beetroot; 13, There; 15, Wringer; 17, Chariot; 19, Endless; 21, Venison; 22, Beard; 24, Bookworm; 27, Impulsive; 28, Fence; 29, Reel; 30, Better self. DOWN: 1, Opal; 2, Trade Wind; 3, Exeat; 4, Outdoor; 5, Kinetic; 7, Raise; 8, Presenting; 9, Restrain; 14, Sweet briar; 16, Greedily; 18, Insurance 20, Sublime; 21, Violent; 23, Apple; 25, Water; 26, Leaf.



THE BOOK PAGE

Mulbum In Parvo

THE CATHOLIC PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE. A series of Radio Lectures presented under the auspices of the Shanghai Catholic Radio League. First series 1938-39. T'ou-Se-Wei Press, Shanghai.

In this little volume are collected the first-fruits of the enterprising Shanghai Catholic Radio League's activities, namely twenty talks given in English by well-known priests from Station XMHA, dealing with the fundamentals of Catholic faith and practice in a simple and direct and, withal, scholarly manner. These preachers speak straight from the shoulder and answer forcefully many of the objections raised by uninformed "moderns" to the teachings of the Universal Church and to religion in general. Such topics as "Can we believe in the Gospels?" "The Catholic Philosophy of Education," "The Religion of Tomorrow," "Christ and the Intelligentsia," "The People's 'Opium'" and "The Enigma of Christ and the Cross," are tackled in these trenchant discourses which should be of interest to Catholics and non-Catholics alike, but particularly to those many who earnestly and fearlessly seek for light amid the encircling gloom in our chaotic and complex times.

An Instructed Laity

Bishop Haouisée, S.J., in his brief preface to the present volume, aptly quotes Cardinal Newman in saying that what is desired in Catholics is

> ....the gift of bringing out what they are, what their religion is. I want a laity, not rash in speech, not disputatious, but men who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it and who know enough history to defend it. I wish you to enlarge your knowledge, to cultivate your reason, to get an insight into the relations of truth to truth, to learn to view things as they are, to understand how faith and reason stand to each other, what the bases of Catholicism are.

Notable Contributors

The authors of the little volume are mostly priests whose work is well known in Shanghai. There are Fathers McGreal, S.J., and Lipman S.J., who are now attached to the Church of Christ the King; Father Kearney, S.J., of Nanking, who was formerly for a number of years in Shanghai; Father John J. O'Farrell, S.J., at present stationed in Wuhu; Father Magner, another Shanghai Jesuit; Father McGoldrick, of St. Columban's Mission here; and Monsignor William McGrath, Prefect Apostolic of Lishui in Southern Chekiang, who is widely known for his book on Chinese country life, "The Dragon at Close Range."—V.M.

"Small Eats"

SAVOURY SNACKS A collection of recipes for snacks, hot and cold, suitable for sherry or cocktail parties, picnics, informal meals, late suppers and other notable occasions when light but not uninteresting fare is expected: with a note on savoury butters. By Ambrose Heath. Nicholson & Watson, London. 2/6.

Ambrose Heath is a man who knows his cooking, for amongst other works which he has produced are "Madame Prunier's Fish Cookery Book," "From Creel to Kitchen," "Good Food," "More Good Food," and "Good Soups." In this, his latest volume, he has come to the aid of the hostess who wants something different in the way of "small eats" for her cocktail party. In Shanghai, which seems to be almost a city of cocktail-party-goers, there is a wealth of ideas on the subject of the solid accompaniment to liquid refreshment, and the average hostess can show her sisters in other parts of the world more than a thing or two in the variety of hors d'œuvres she can prepare. But even in Shanghai the veteran cocktail party attender sooner or later begins to complain of the sameness of the "small chow" offered, and if someone or other produces something new and delightful, it is not long before it is all over town. Ambrose Heath affords a short cut to variety with cold and hot snacks and a special chapter on savoury butters, and within the space of a small volume of sixty pages gives a wealth of recipes which make the most tasty reading turned out by a cookery expert for some time past. Fortunately all are simple in the extreme, requiring little more than the actual preparation of the savoury butters which form so important a part of his battery of good things. There are few, if any, ingredients which cannot be obtained in the Shanghai shops, and for a woman who wants to make her cocktail parties something different this handy little book should prove invaluable. —P.T.

The Jacquinot Zone

LA REVUE NATIONALE CHINOISE Christmas Number. 2004 Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai.

How can we preserve the civilians from the sufferings of the war? The maintenance of European civilization depends upon a satisfactory answer to this question. "La Revue Nationale Chinoise" makes a valuable contribution toward the settlement of this problem by publishing as a Christmas issue an account of the activities of Father Jacquinot, who created the safety zone in Nantao two years ago. Reading the story of his enterprise, of his struggle in an almost gigantic task, we cannot but admire the spirit which rendered possible, under the most adverse circumstances, the realization of his wonderful project. This story has something of a novel, something of a newspaper report, and much of the life story of saints of olden times. Many photographs represent the birth of the safety zone, extremely vivid and magnificent photographs. Another series of yet unpublished photographs illustrates the life inside the safety zone, two years after its creation. Everybody, having read the booklet, must ask himself if the application of Father Jacquinot's plan to the present European situation is not a necessity. It is feasible, in any case. The success of the Nantao Zone proves well that it is.

In talking of England I am always willing to give hard knocks. Englishmen like it. They give us the privileges of sons and brothers; and we may say what we like about England, if we say it filially—I trust I never do otherwise.—CARDINAL MANNING.

New Fiction

Signor Daniele Varé has scored another success in **"The Temple of Costly Experience"** (Methuen, London. 7/6), but this was only to be expected in view of his previous work, and detracts nothing from his success. Having charmed his readers with "The Maker of Heavenly Trousers" and "The Gate of Happy Sparrows," he gave us in "Laughing Diplomat" a book of a somewhat different but no less attractive calibre, and now we are given the opportunity of renewing once more our acquaintance with many of the characters who so endeared themselves to us in the pages of the former two books. The eulogies which greeted the publication of his first two works in English are no less well merited with reference to **"The Temple of Costly Experience."** Signor Varé has lost none of that exquisite and delicate touch combining the most subtle humour with charm of description of people and things which it is difficult to imagine surpassed. Every character is a gem of portrayal and each episode is described in that whimsical manner which makes it seem just right.

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We meet many old friends: Kuniang, as dainty and refreshing as ever; Fedor and Igor, the two Russian boys; Little Chink, the five virtues; Uncle Podger and many others, and the renewal of the acquaintance adds no little to our enjoyment. The setting, as before, is modern China and in the main Peking. The quotation at the top of the foreword is, "I am at a loss to know how much to believe of my own stories." (Washington Irving, "Tales of a Traveller"). As one progresses it seems to become less and less important how much one believes of what one is reading, fact and fiction are so skilfully blended and the tranquil, easy style of the writing makes it appear quite immaterial—all one wants to do is to read on. There is tragedy in this story of **"The Temple of Costly Experience."** Happily it does not rear its ugly head till very near the end of the book, but then it comes with a rush and so suddenly as almost to take one's breath away, for there is so little inkling of it given beforehand; reading back, however, vague indications of impending disaster can be found. The same sympathetic and human attitude towards everything and everyone which so charmed in his earlier works appears again and quite unimpaired. It is with real regret that we read Signor Varé's definite statement that this is the last book he will ever write about China—it seems a thousand pities.—R.F.C.M.

As an author, critic and ex-publisher, Mr. Frank Swinnerton occupies an unrivalled position in the world of books. As judge of the Second All Nations Prize Novel Competition he was principally responsible for the discovery of **"No Arms No Armour"** (Nicholson & Watson, London. 8/6), a novel by R. D. Q. Henriques, who was awarded a prize of £3,000 in the competition and was also honoured by the "Daily Mail" book reviewers, who chose his novel as the "Book of the Month." "In a street by itself," says Mr. Swinnerton, whose report on the manuscript is published in full at the front of the book. Mr. Henriques could have no greater praise. He has written a truly great novel—a novel which promises to be accepted as one of the very few really great works produced between the wars of 1914 and 1939.

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"No Arms No Armour" is the story of a journey. Not a journey in miles or one that can be seen on a map. It is a story of a young man's journey to find the fulfilment of his spiritual destiny. Its central figure is Second-Lieutenant Tubby Windrush, who was a gunner in the days when the Royal Artillery was truly a mounted unit. His life in Bulford was typically gay, though simple—polo, hunting, racing, the smell of horses and the feel of a saddle at daybreak as the sun rose slowly over the wide expanses of Salisbury Plain to greet sleepy-eyed soldiers ready to start their day's tasks. His journey began when a horse was the cause of a long stay in hospital. His dramatic fight against fate, his brother officers and friends who were goading him to the path which he never wanted to follow, had begun.

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The scene shifts to the Sudan, where he continues his journey surrounded by his brother officers, Sammy, Daddy and Watson, and the men of his battery. Lydia, he has left behind in England. A sniper's bullet claims Sammy, leaving a drunken, ruthless, but above all lovable, Daddy. Tubby leaves him to go on a physical journey and the end of his quest is in sight. Mr. Henriques has written a great novel, truthful, bitter in parts, and not seldom passionate. His three principal characters are drawn with sympathy and understanding. The author, after Rugby and Oxford, entered the Army and served in the Field Artillery in England, Egypt and the Sudan. Later he was badly hurt while playing polo, an incident that will have associations for readers of the book. He is now serving his country somewhere in France.—R.S.

To spend too much time in studies is sloth; to use them too much for ornament is affectation; to make judgment wholly by their rules is the humour of a scholar.—FRANCIS BACON.

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There are those who are very assiduous in reading, and yet do not much advance their knowledge from it. They are delighted with the stories that are told, and perhaps can tell them again, for they make all they read nothing but history to themselves; but not reflecting on it, not making to themselves observations from what they read, they are very little improved by all that crowd of particulars that either pass through, or lodge themselves in, their understandings. They dream on in a constant course of reading and cramming themesives, but, not digesting anything, it produces nothing but a heap of crudities.—JOHN LOCKE.

Austrian Army Will Revolt

As Soon As Britain States Austrian Independence As War Aim

Germany's Austrian Army, consisting of 600,000 men, will revolt as soon as Britain includes the independence of Austria in its war aims. This is the claim of Dr. Berger Vosendorf, right-hand man of Chancellor Schuschnigg, who is now living in a London hotel.

He has been in London since he fled Austria, following Chancellor Schuschnigg's radio warning to his country not to resist the Nazi invaders. At that time Dr. Vosendorf, a leader of the Austrian militia, had 60,000 men ready to fight against Hitler. They all obeyed the order of their Chancellor. Broken hearted, they disbanded.

Dr. Vosendorf was chief of the Conservative Social Party in Vienna. He acted as a negotiator for Dr. Schuschnigg when the Nazi purge threatened. "Austria cannot be expected to revolt until we are included in the British war aims," he told a "Sunday Dispatch" reporter.

"France has already included us. The Austrian army is waiting for Britain to do the same thing. "Do not think that Austria will fight to get rid of National Socialism. That is not enough. We must have freedom from Germany.

600,000 Deserters

"Austrian officers are in concentration camps. After the invasion of Poland many of them were badly treated. "Do you know that Austrian soldiers are on the Siegfried Line? When Britain declares herself for us then the Nazis will lose 600,000 soldiers.

"That is not an overestimate. If tomorrow Britain said: 'We fight also for Austria,' a trek of Austrian soldiers would begin to filter through to the Allies on all fronts. They would bring with them not only German arms and equipment—but Austrian hearts ready to die for freedom."

"Nazis Will Crash"

The Archduke Felix, brother of the Pretender to the Austrian throne, is quoted in the American paper "Houston Post" as saying in a recent lecture: "The revolution against the Nazis which is brewing in Austria is bound to start sooner or later.

"Ninety per cent. of the Austrian people are against the Nazi régime. Austria is suffering severely from lack of food. Some of my friends have written that it is impossible to obtain some items, including soap. "What we want more than food is liberty. The war may last another year, but it will end in the downfall of the Nazis."

German Girls Being Called Up

Germany Day by Day; Siegfried Line Profiteer

Several hundred thousand German girls are being compulsorily enrolled to meet the labour shortage. They will be put to work chiefly on the land and in domestic service, states the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post."

Lack of camp buildings and scarcity of trained leaders have, however, hampered the scheme to put 100,000 girls on rural "labour service." So far, accommodation has been found for only 25,000. Most of these have been drafted to camps vacated by the male labour service, whose personnel have been called to the army.

Every effort is being made to persuade professional women to volunteer as camp leaders. Higher salaries, pensions and allowances for dependents are among the inducements offered to teachers, social workers and others.

Meanwhile, nearly 350,000 girls have been registered to perform their "duty year" as domestic helps during 1940.

They will be sent to peasant families or homes with numerous children. The unpopularity of this Nazi institution is reflected in an official announcement, which warns girls that they may not plead war conditions as an excuse to evade their service.

Overcharged for Rubble

Because he charged too high a price for rubble used in building the Siegfried Line fortifications, a contractor of Aachen—Aix-la-Chapelle—has been fined £8,000. The fine was imposed not by a court, but by the Reich Commissar for Price Control.

Use of Metal Restricted

Acute shortage of many metals has obliged the Reich Government to place fresh restrictions on their use. A schedule has been issued of various articles, chiefly of domestic equipment, in the manufacture of which metal may not be used.

Manufacturers are left to discover for themselves the most suitable substitutes.

Clothes for a Year

Here is a Munich newspaper's suggestion to a man who wants to lay out his year's clothing rations to the best advantage:

Even without any purchases during July and August this exhausts the 12 months' allowance of 100 clothing coupons.

THE Right Hon. Arthur Greenwood's brilliant leadership of the Labour Party in Parliament at the outbreak of war, when Mr. C. R. Attlee was absent through illness, has caused much speculation as to whether he will be the next leader of the party. Nominations for the election, which takes place soon, are now being made. Mr. Attlee has already been renominated. Loyalty will prevent Mr. Greenwood opposing him, but if, as anticipated, there are other nominations, including that of Mr. Herbert Morrison, he will be urged by many colleagues to stand for election. The rank and file of the party throughout the country would like to see Mr. Greenwood leading them, but the decision rests with the Labour M.P.'s alone. Mr. Greenwood was born at Hunslet, near Leeds. His father, a painter and decorator, wanted him to be a teacher. He was educated at Victoria University, Leeds, and won Master of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees. He was the Minister of Health in the second Labour Government.

Hitler's Lack of Policy

A Story of Indecision and Vacillation; Effect Of British Victory at Montevideo

IF anyone is inclined to be discouraged by what he thinks is the slow development of the naval and military issues in the war he may find comfort in seeing it through the eyes of Hitler, writes "Scrutator" in the "Sunday Times." This is the 106th day of the war. When the Great War had lasted so long, every German, almost without exception, felt assured of victory.

Hindenburg had won the sensational victory of Tannenberg over the Russians; Belgium was overrun; the German army had failed to reach Paris, but was in possession of the industrial north of France, and had narrowly missed occupying Calais. It had lost the Battle of the Marne, but apart from that its record in the war had been one of complete and often astonishing victories. It might well have seemed doubtful whether the British armies could be trained in time to prevent the threatened defeat of the Allies. We were entering on a kind of war about which we had almost everything to learn. Contrast the situation then and the situation to-day.

Six weeks ago, when a sharp illness stopped my writing, Hitler saw his policy in complete ruin. He was at war with Britain and France, which he had wished to avoid or at least to reserve for a later occasion, and in his desperate anxiety to avoid a war on two fronts he had patched up a hasty agreement with Russia, the terms of which were vague and had not been worked out. He must already have recognized Ribbentrop as his evil genius. He had allowed Ribbentrop's assurances that Great Britain would never fight to persuade him until it was too late for him to draw back and he saw no way of escaping from inevitable defeat except by an agreement with Russia, which lost him the sympathy of Spain, Italy, and Japan, and tore the heart out of everything that Nazism stood for in relation to Communism. He had, in fact, been converted from an Easterner into a Westerner.

Lack of Policy

It is no wonder that after crushing Polish resistance he made an offer of peace which was an attempt to recover his footing on the slippery declivity down which he was falling. But, having failed to induce us to abandon the cause for which we had gone to war, Hitler was now faced with the problem which twenty-one years before had baffled the Kaiser, and which he had been firmly resolved at all costs to avoid. He seems to have been without definite plans for this new war.

In making his fraudulent offer of peace he had been influenced by the hope that he would have the sympathy of neutrals whose timidity preferred any peace to any war, but his first idea of waging the war in the west merely proposed to repeat with slight variation the crime of invading Belgium which had damned Germany in the eyes of the world in 1914. There seems little room to doubt the story that Hitler had not only decided on the invasion of Holland, but had actually ordered it to begin, and that it would have taken place if the General Staff had not refused.

Hitler's Quandary

At one time Hitler had boasted that he could carry the Maginot Lines and would do so even though it cost him a million lives. But it was an idle boast that had no support from the responsible heads of the army. That the attempt to force the Maginot Lines will never be made it is too early to say, but certain it is that if it ever is made it will probably be the last blunder that he will have the chance of making in the war. It may well be that a real peace with Germany will have no chance until she has suffered some great defeat; but enormous casualties incurred in an unsuccessful attempt on the Maginot Lines would be the beginning of a revolution in Germany which might make a good peace possible. There is sufficient lack of sympathy between Hitler and the heads of the army to make them the natural leaders of such a revolution.

It was this uncertainty of his relations with the army chiefs as much as any other cause that drove Hitler to make his main efforts for victory on the sea. On the sea Germany had come nearest to victory in the last war and his hope of repeating those successes was by no means groundless. But in this war as in the last Germany found that it was not only ships flying the British flag that she had to deal with. To set up a blockade such as would affect the result of a war she must also prevent neutrals from trading with us.

She increased her offence by sowing magnetic or non-contact mines in the channels that we left through minefields. Non-contact mines are not a new discovery, and the only thing that is new is the places in which they were sown and the use of aeroplanes to sow them. Nothing, indeed, is more remarkable in this war than the lack of new ideas in the German practice. Throughout, it has been merely imitative of what was done in the last war, and though apparently it was of the magnetic mines that Hitler was speaking when he boasted that Germany had a weapon to which we could make no reply, we have already found a reply.

The victory at Montevideo was in many respects more remarkable than Sturdee's victory in the last war in the Battle of the Falkland Islands. That was a victory won by sheer weight of metal, but the battle off Montevideo was a victory of audacity and skilful manœuvre. It is heartening to contrast the Nelson touch of Commodore (now Rear-Admiral Sir H. H. Harwood) Harwood in driving the Graf Spee into the Plate River with the mismanagement which allowed the Goeben at the opening of the last war to escape to Constantinople—surely the worst blundering ever made by a British admiral. It brought Turkey into the war against us.

In the Air

The general impression left on the mind by the German conduct of the war is one of indecision and vacillation. Only in the air has German policy so far been consistent, for she has kept to her promise to bomb none but military objectives. What happened in Poland forbids us to find the reason in motives of pure humanity; for that matter motives are usually mixed. But it is satisfactory to have this evidence that as between air forces reasonably matched the bombing of open towns is regarded as worse than a crime. It is a mistake, because the military results are small out of all proportion to the risks that are taken and to the expenditure of war material. But there is no guarantee that Germany will continue to honour this promise.

Perhaps it ought to be accounted as the greatest victory for the British Navy that it was mainly responsible for the agreement between Russia and Germany. The fear of the prospective British blockade, not of the armies of Russia, had inflicted on Germany before the war began the equivalent of crushing defeat. It was a panic-stricken agreement. Had Germany reflected on the conditions of transport in Russia she could hardly have given away so much and received so little. She may have promised not to oppose Russia's essays in the technique of aggression which she herself taught her, but she can hardly have realized the uses to which Russia would put her licence. Still less can she have calculated on the consequences if Russia failed in her aggression.

That Finland can prevail against the enormous odds against her is indeed a forlorn hope, but forlorn hopes are not always unsuccessful. In any case, the universal condemnation of Russia's assault on Finnish liberties is a blow for Germany as well as for Russia. If, as some believe, the war develops a hard and fast alliance between Germany and Russia the problem of Finland will diminish the value of any assistance that Russia can give. Meantime, while nothing should divert us from our main task in the war, which is the defeat of the instructor, not the copyist, it is good to think that Finland is assured of material assistance in her heroic struggle. That assistance can be given without breach of neutrality, as the United States are assisting us and still remain neutral.

He Sees No Way

Can we form any general conclusions from the way the war has gone so far? Prophecy about war has been called a gratuitous form of error, but we can at least form some idea what developments may come in the course of events. The dominant impression that one gets from the war so far as it has yet gone is that Hitler is destitute of any consistent policy for winning. He has a tangential mind, taking up plans impulsively and presently dropping them in favour of other plans which negative them. Thus the man, one of whose motives for proposing peace on terms that allowed him to stop the war at the point at which he could keep his gains was to conciliate neutrals who preferred any peace to any war, is presently found carrying on the war in a way that loses him any chance of the sympathy of any neutral.

The truth probably is that Hitler sees no way of winning the war, and does not expect to do so. He is engaged in just the kind of war which it is consistently argued Germany should never wage. A man of a temperament like Hitler's may react in such circumstances in two opposite ways. Because he knows he is unwise, but cannot bring himself to admit it, he may persist still more obstinately in what he knows to be folly. Or, on the other hand, he is capable of reverting violently back to his original ideas and making a dramatic gesture of resignation in the hope of saving his country, and incidentally himself. The course of the war so far encourages us to keep both these possibilities in mind.

Key to Victory

There are as yet no signs of decided change in the political character of the German people such as would make them revolt against Hitler's policy. Nor is such change to be expected unless some dramatic happening in the war convinces the German people that they cannot possibly win. It is important not only that we should win some striking victory that would have that effect on their minds, but that we should win it as soon as possible; and therein lies a serious danger. Victory at sea, humanly speaking, seems assured, but on land that impatience might lead to defeat by encouraging us to incur ruinous casualties by attacks on the Siegfried Line, which would be likely to end in failure. Modern conditions of warfare give an enormous advantage to the defence, even in the air, as we are now beginning to suspect.

So far from deploring the absence of decisive happenings on the French front we ought rather to rejoice over it. The key to victory in this war may be in some joint operation of Army and Navy which will conceivably give us the entrance into the Baltic, or it may lie in combining judicious peace aims with energetic prosecution of the war, or, finally, on the enemy's economic front, where he is weakest.

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W. Messerschmitt Leaves Germany

Plane Building Genius Goes to Holland; Lost Prestige After War

According to the "Daily Sketch" Hitler has lost Walter Messerchmitt, 'plane-building genius responsible for the construction of the famous German aerial fighter that bears his name. He has gone to Holland, where he is constructing 'planes.

For a long time Messerschmitt has been a disgruntled man. He considers he has not had a fair deal from the Nazis, who some time ago demanded that all his patents should be assigned to the State. Also he lost prestige at the beginning of the war, when it was discovered that his 'planes, once the world's fastest, had been surpassed by British and French.

Latest Ideas Lost

Without his particular genius, the Nazis now have little hope of improving the Messerschmitt to the point where it will excel Allies fighter 'planes. Messerschmitt is now seeking Dutch nationality.

He first began making 'planes at Krupps in 1929. After five years he started his own factory. The Nazis tried to drag him into the Party, but he declined to have anything to do with politics. The Nazis now have his factory. But his latest ideas are lost to them.

120 Lost in Disaster To Motor Boat

Korean Craft Wrecked in High Seas

Tokyo, Jan. 8.

A hundred and twenty Koreans were believed to have lost their lives early on Saturday morning in the Strait of Korea when the motor launch in which they were riding developed engine trouble and was engulfed by high waves, according to reports reaching here today.

Only 14 passengers on the vessels were believed to have been saved, according to reports received here. The survivors were picked up near the scene of the disaster by a fishing boat.

The motor launch, the tonnage of which could not be learned, was en route to Japan from the South Coast of Korea. The site of the disaster was about 20 miles north-west of Tsushima Island.—Domei.

Soldier From Audience Opens New Cinema

Alderman Harry Fear, of Staines, had a happy inspiration when he attended to open a new cinema at Ashford, Middlesex, recently. An audience of 1,000 had assembled and they were amazed when Mr. Fear said that the British soldier was one of the most popular men in the country today and he was going to ask one to open the cinema; they could have no greater honour. An attendant went to find such a soldier and Private Kenneth Richards stepped on to the stage. He thanked Mr. Fear and through the microphone declared the cinema officially opened. There was a terrific roaring of cheering and clapping.

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Brides for Japanese Colonists Sought

Women Trained as Mates For Manchoukuo Farmers

Tokyo, Jan. 8.

Convinced that Japanese bachelor farmers in Manchoukuo are lonely and need companionship, the Overseas Ministry has formally decided to "play cupid" by sending approximately 10,000 eligible young ladies to the mainland, the "Asahi" chain of newspapers said today.

The Ministry has estimated that of the 29,000 households of Japanese pioneers in Manchoukuo, 8,200 are run by bachelors. About 2,000 more bachelors were expected to go to Manchoukuo this year from Japan.

Lecture courses for the training of 10,000 prospective brides have been opened in various parts of Japan since last summer, the chain of papers said. The number of the girls enrolled, however, is short of the number the Ministry expects to send, and women were now been organized to institute a campaign to persuade eligible young ladies to register at the various schools, the "Asahi" chain stated.—Domei.

THE first consignment of edible snails to reach London since the war began have arrived. There are about 45,000 of them, all alive-o. According to the Soho "Snail King," Mr. Alexander Gaudin, they are about a month late this year owing to transport and other war difficulties. Another cause of delay has been doubt as to whether an import licence would be necessary, as it was in the last war. The snails were then officially listed as 'horned cattle'! But this time they are being let in free, and so far there is no talk of their coming under the rationing regulations."

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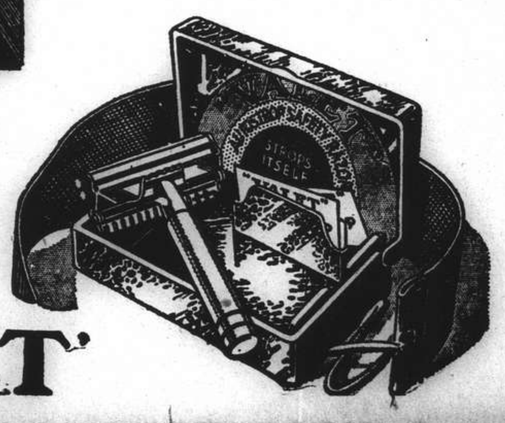

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Week-end Football Fixtures

Programme Includes Two Major League Matches; Junior Section Games

Featuring this week-end's rather light programme of football games, considering that there will be only two First Division tussles, the league-leading Lido eleven are to clash with Saint Francis Xavier on Sunday morning at the Canidrome in one of the postponed matches of the first round. Saturday sees Association Sportive Francaise against Public Thomas Hanbury at the Racecourse in another outstanding game in the first part of the current League competition.

Some important matches in the junior category will be played off. Area Details and Jewish Recreation Club, the two unbeaten and unlied teams in the Second Division, are to oppose each other on Saturday in a fight which should determine the championship.

The S.F.A. has ordered a replay on Sunday afternoon of the match between Italian Navy and French Forces. It will be recalled that the two teams met on Christmas Day and resulted in a victory for the Italians by 8-2. But, as the match was played only 70 minutes it failed to constitute an official Cup engagement.

Half a dozen semi-finals in both the Reserve and Junior Cups contests are also down for decision this week-end.

The Fixtures

Complete fixtures follow:—

SUNDAY

Reserve Cup Semi-finals.—Surreys v. Seaforths, R.G. 1, 2.30 p.m.

Junior Cup Semi-finals.—Hotspurs v. Aurora, Kiaochow, 2.45 p.m., R.A.M.C. v. 7 Cults, Aurora, 2 p.m.

1st Division.—P.T.H. v. A.S.F., R.G. 2.

Reserve Division.—Tung Hwa, v. P.T.H., Kiaochow, 1.30 p.m.

2nd Division.—J.R.C. v. Area Details, R.G. 5.

3rd Division.—Betar v. Tung Wen, S.R.C.

SATURDAY

Reserve Cup Semi-finals.—Lido v. S.R.C., Kiaochow, 2.45 p.m.

Tai Ling Cup 2nd Rd. Replay.—French Forces v. Italian Navy, R.G. 2, 2.30 p.m.

1st Division.—Lido v. S.F.X., Canidrome, 10.30 a.m.

Reserve Division.—Lusitano v. S.M.P., S.R.C., A.S.F. v. S.F.X., Kiaochow, 1.30 p.m.

2nd Division.—Parks v. U.T.P., Kiaochow, 10 a.m., Sokol v. Row. Club, R.G. 8.

3rd Division.—Judeans v. Maccabi, R.G. 1.

Meanwhile, the League Management Committee have handed down several important decisions such as follows:—

Meyer (Maccabi) cautioned.

Shaffery (R.A.M.C.) cautioned.

Thronley (Rowing Club) very strong caution.

N. S. Ngo (U.T. Party) suspended for two League and/or Cup matches.

Reserve Division match between S.R.C. and Lido awarded to Lido by default.

S.F.X. Sunday's Team

The S.F.X. will meet Lido in a First Division League game at the Canidrome on Sunday, at 10.30 a.m. The lineup will be as follows:—

Kabbert, S. Schultz, Garwood, Kual, Greenberg, Edwards, Foyn, Tuttelman, K. Schultz, Pettersson, Karolitch.

Basketball League Play At Foreign "Y"

Unions Beat Wasps in Invitation Tournament

One of the most bitterly fought games in the Invitation Basketball League at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. was played off last night when the Unions stayed off the threat of the Wasps and won by a final score of 46 to 40. At half time the Unions held a 1-point lead, 22-21.

Play was close from beginning to end. Leadership changed hands alternately and the margin between the two sides was so close all the way as to afford spectators high tension. The Unions were clever and handled the ball slightly better than the Wasps. Chu, forward, proved the hero of the victorious side as he counted eight field goals. Loh, the losing forward, also starred with seven field goals. These two men held the spotlight from start to end.

In another "A" Division match, Woo Tsing disposed of the Moore Memorial Church five by 33 to 19. Sun tallied eight times for the winners and was undoubtedly the outstanding man. At the intermission Woo Tsing led by 14-9.

Winding up the evening's programme was a match in the "B" Division which was won by Cloud over Aurora University. The score read 28 to 12, with half-time finishing by 22-6. The Clouds took things easy upon the resumption and were held to a tie of 6-all by their opponents.

The Results

UNION

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Chu, f.	8	0	0	16
Van, f.	1	2	4	4
Lo, c.	3	1	2	7
Chow, g.	4	0	3	8
Shen, g.	4	1	1	9
C. Loh, g.	1	0	0	2
	21	4	10	46

WASPS

D. C. Loh, f.	7	0	2	14
L. C. Chow, f.	3	0	2	6
C. S. Dao, c.	4	3	4	11
H. K. Hsu, g.	1	0	4	2
K. Z. Chang, g.	1	3	3	5
C. C. Hsia, g.	1	0	0	2
	17	6	15	40

WOO TSING

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
W. B. Sung, f.	6	2	1	18
T. S. Chu, f.	2	0	3	4
C. H. Chen, c.	0	0	0	0
C. C. Lee, c.	2	0	1	4
K. S. Chan, g.	1	1	3	3
P. C. Chen, g.	2	0	0	4
	15	3	8	33

MOORE MEMORIAL CHURCH

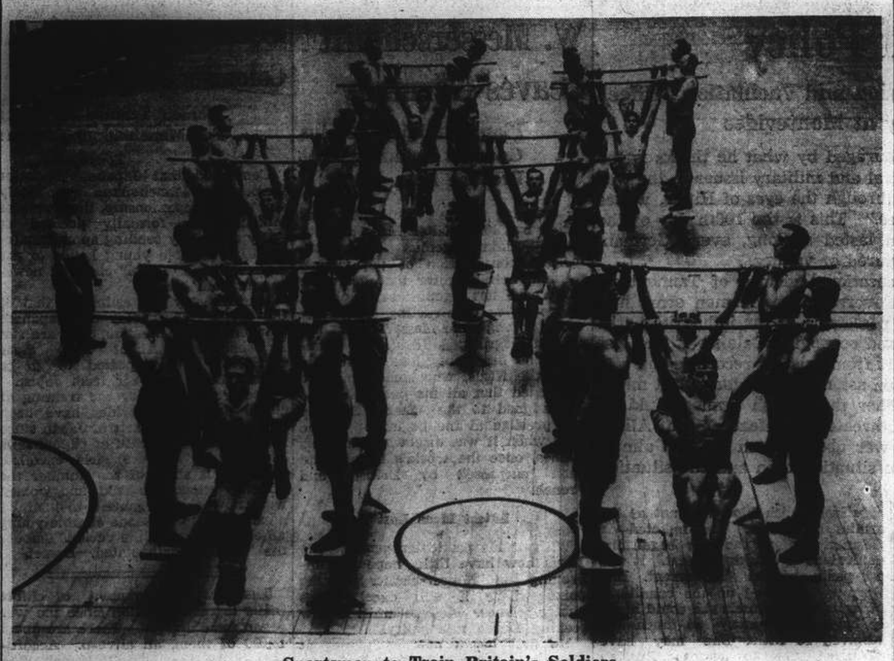
Liang, f.	0	0	0	0
Charlie, f.	0	0	1	0
Yang, f.	3	2	0	8
Chen, c.	0	1	1	1
Chew, g.	2	0	1	4
Liang, g.	2	2	4	6
King, g.	0	0	0	0
	7	5	7	19

CLOUD

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
T. L. Chang, f.	1	2	0	4
S. Z. Wong, f.	1	0	1	2
K. L. Cheng, f.	4	0	0	8
C. V. Lee, c.	3	0	0	6
K. Z. Ling, c.	1	0	1	2
W. Soong, g.	1	0	3	2
K. M. Liu, g.	2	0	1	4
F. Z. Liu, g.	0	0	0	0
	13	2	6	28

AURORA

K. L. Fou, f.	0	0	0	0
S. S. Yen, f.	1	0	0	2
M. J. Man, f.	0	0	0	0
L. C. Tchang, f.	0	0	0	0
S. K. Wang, c.	2	1	0	5
N. S. Fong, g.	2	0	1	4
T. T. Tchong, g.	0	1	2	1
	5	2	3	12



Sportsmen to Train Britain's Soldiers

Cricketers and footballers and men prominent in all forms of sport have enlisted in His Majesty's Forces since the outbreak of the war in Europe. Many of these sportsmen are undergoing courses of instruction at the Army School of Physical Training in Aldershot and elsewhere with the object of qualifying as "P.T." Instructors. The picture shows a class in action.

World of Sport at Home

Boon's Victory Over Crowley; Striking Success Of Lindrum; Cricket Prospects

By "ATHENIAN"

London, Dec. 15.

THE Boon Crowley fight ended very tamely. It was indeed a hollow victory by which nineteen year old Eric Boon, lightweight champion of Great Britain, won a Lonsdale belt outright at Harringay Arena in the seventh round of fifteen. It was neither a punch nor the cumulative effect of punishment which caused Dave Crowley to be counted out in the seventh round. Crowley, pulling out of a clinch, was half swung and half slipped to the floor. He made a feeble attempt to rise, indicated helplessly his right foot tucked awkwardly under his haunches as he had fallen, and the referee and timekeeper droned out the last 7, 8, 9, 10 in silence. Crowley was the victim of a common or garden sprained ankle, the sort anyone might derive from a false step in the blackout.

The unfortunate part of it was that Crowley's "blackout," the result of a smashing right hook flush on his chin early in the second round, and several other heavy blows in the succeeding rounds, seemed rapidly to be dispersing. He had boxed brilliantly in the fifth round, mixed the fighting with at least an equal share of the honours in the sixth, and was rapidly making up leeway against an opponent already beginning to tire when the misfortune befell him.

Discerning judges had already begun to predict a points victory for Crowley. Obviously Boon, whose training had undergone unhappy interruptions through an injury to his right hand, was banking on a quick victory. He had not made the weight easily and did not relish a long drawn out battle. Three or four times his satisfactorily mended right hand rocked Crowley from his head to his heels. The hook which caused the chellenger most trouble in the second round seemed to come from somewhere in the vicinity of Boon's knees. Crowley clung to his adversary and his knees actually touched the floor as he was dragged forward. He recovered his balance, however, and by holding on tight in the clinches and instinctively ducking and dodging Boon's dangerous but wild punches, he weathered the round.

Fresh and Strong

Crowley came up fresh and strong for the fifth round, whereas the pace was definitely telling on Boon. The fight had reached its most interesting stage when the end came so disappointingly.

Jack London (Hartlepool) beat Tom Reddington (Salford), the referee stopping the fight in the seventh round.

Eddis Ryan, the former amateur lightweight champion, continued his successful run as a professional by outpointing Les Greenaway, of Bargoed.

Joe Vaughan (Becontree) beat Johnny Gould (Covent Garden) on points. Harry Lazer and Frankie Jackson boxed a draw. Martin Thornton (Ireland) knocked out Percy Fields (Worcester) in the second round.

Lindrum's Striking Victory

Walter Lindrum, world's billiards champion, conceded 24,000 points to 12 amateurs at Melbourne—and won! The result was: Lindrum 36,352, Amateurs 27,988. Scoring at the rate of 909 an hour, Lindrum broke Joe Davis' world record break under the new baulk-line rule with a run of 2,466, and also had breaks of 1,859, 1,054 and 1,036.

Sgt. R.W.D. Hier (R.A.F. Uxbridge), the Welsh champion, scored a decisive success in the North of the Thames C. C. A. open race at New Southgate. Hier's time was 43 min. 15 sec. Shaftesbury Harriers won the team event with a total of 23 points, Polytechnic Harriers being runners-up with 35, and Woodford Green A.C. third with 37. Belgrave Harriers supplied the winners of all the events in their invitation inter-club seven miles walk at Wimbledon. Harry Churcher won the scratch race in 56 min. 7 sec. W. H. Snell, who received 8 min. 45 sec. won the sealed handicap with a corrected time of 52 min. 56 sec. Scoring ten a side, Belgrave totalled 60 points to Metropolitan Police 150, while in the other match, with eight a side scoring, Belgrave totalled 39 points to Surrey Walking Club's 97.

No Henley Regatta in 1940

There will be no Royal Regatta at Henley in 1940. This decision was reached at the annual meeting of the stewards at Henley. In place of the regatta the stewards hope that it may be possible to organize some races during the summer of 1940 for public Schools along the line of those held during the last war. No definite decision was made but it is expected that a meeting of the Committee of Management will be held in the spring to go further into the proposal.

Snooker Tournament

When the Snooker Tournament was resumed at Thurston's Newman required only two frames of the eleven to be played to beat Davis (J.), the world champion, who conceded 40 points start in each of 61 frames. At the final session Newman won four frames at 95-67 (in which Davis had a break of 47), at 88-73, on the black (break of 49), at 97-36 (break of 32), and at 97-33. Davis took two frames at 107-55 (break of 67), and at 95-65 (break of 47). Result: Newman 35 games, Davis (J.) 26 games.

Two Horses Killed

There were two fatalities to horses at Wetherby on Dec. 8. Solitaire was destroyed after breaking a fetlock in the Cowthorpe Novices' Hurdle Race and Uncouth dropped dead after finishing second in the same race. This was Uncouth's first race over hurdles, but he battled on well to finish only a length behind the winner and ran himself to a standstill. His jockey, E. Wanless, walked back to the paddock with the saddle, and, after he had been duly weighed-in by one of the stewards, Uncouth was allowed to remain second. Solitaire, favourite for the race, won the Manchester November Handicap two years ago.

Possibilities of Cricket

M.C.C. has given a lead by announcing provisional fixtures at 28 different schools. Not yet can the committee promise anything at Lord's, the headquarters of cricket.

Everything must depend upon the course of the war, but these first thoughts for the schools indicate clearly that the whole situation is under review. Most of the counties will hold the customary annual meetings. Balance sheets will be forthcoming, and if not showing profit, members will recognize, all the more, urgent reasons for contributing their subscriptions.

Sussex is making a "desperate effort to stage cricket." It is keeping faith with its professionals who have yearly agreements, and do not expect it will be impossible to find the £2,000 necessary for requirements in the coming year. This spirit will encourage cricket lovers to keep the county flags flying even if the championship competition is out of the question.

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Philippines Champion Leaves by Clipper

McSpaden Hopes to Play in California Open

Manila, Jan. 8.

Harold "Jug" McSpaden, who came at the special invitation of the Wack Wack Club and yesterday won the 1940 Philippine Open golf championship with a record score of 287, today left for the United States by the California Clipper in an effort to compete in the California Open at Oakland. If the Clipper maintains its schedule, he will arrive one day late for the tourney, but he said that he believed the committee would allow him an extra round to enable him to compete.

McSpaden and T. Miyamoto, Japanese professional who finished third with 292, started out neck-and-neck yesterday on a soggy course and under intermittent rains. At the eleventh hole, however, the Japanese floundered in the rough, losing two strokes. This unnerved him and McSpaden gained a stroke on Miyamoto on the 13th, 14th and 15th holes.

Too Leave in the Coolidge

Emery Zimmerman, who finished second with 291, and his brother Al (both from Portland, Ore.), who placed seventh with 301, are to leave on Wednesday aboard the President Coolidge. They plan to play exhibition matches in Japan and Hawaii.

Emery yesterday turned in a card of 73 for the day's best score and was thus able to beat out Miyamoto, who started out three up. Emery gained one stroke on Miyamoto on the 11th, and 15th holes and two on the 17th.

Norman von Nida, Australian pro who won the Philippine title last year, Larry Montes, former local champion, Miyamoto, T. Toda, B. Asami, Chin Seisui, runner-up last year, and J. Morioka are leaving for Cebu to participate in the 1,500 pesos southern island open title series starting January 12.

The Zimmerman brothers tomorrow will appear in an exhibition match against von Nida and H. L. Williams, the Australian amateur who placed tenth yesterday with 307, lowest score by an amateur in the tourney.—United Press.

Rita Hayworth, who has just completed a leading role in Columbia's "Music In My Heart" opposite Tony Martin, has probably the most unusual collection of gloves in Hollywood. With a gold lame evening gown she wears opera length gloves of the same fabric, and with a chartreuse sweater and bag ensemble of hand knotted wool she wears mitten gloves of the same design.

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Second Round of Squash Rackets

Four Contending Teams Within One Point of Each Other

The second round of the Squash League commences today, with the four contending teams all lined up within one point of each other at the conclusion of the first round, thereby indicating how close the struggle for senior placing will be in this the deciding round. The Race Club and Foreign Y.M.C.A. have each scored 8 points against the 7 gained by the two Rowing Club teams, and it is quite on the cards that the second round will see a reversal of the earlier results with a four-way tie at the end of the league schedule.

The following is the standing:

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Race Club	3	2	1	8
Foreign Y.M.C.A.	3	2	1	8
Rowing Club	3	1	2	7
Carsmen	3	1	2	7

The Race Club had been expected to run roughshod over the opposition this year, particularly as the Rowing Club had split its strength and entered two evenly balanced teams in the senior division of the League. Contrary to expectations the Race Club have not had things all their own way, and their victories over the two Rowing Club teams have been by the narrowest of margins, in both cases they won by three matches to two, whereas their defeat came at the hands of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. by a similar margin on the reverse side of the score. How the Race Club will fare in the second round is yet to be seen, but they will have difficulty in getting as much if more in points in this round as they obtained in the first.

Biggest League Surprise

The Foreign Y.M.C.A. have proved the biggest surprise of the league and have come on astonishingly well. Apart from D. Green they were not given a chance of winning a match, buut T. E. Baker and M. Ginsbourg have performed astonishingly well for junior division players of last year against more experienced players, and the two have victories against some of the best exponents of the game to their credit.

The Rowing Club playing with the same men as they had last year have clung tenaciously to the leaders but have lost to the Race Club and to the Oarsmen, their victory coming at the expense of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. Their team includes no particularly outstanding star, although Neugebauer has a victory over L. H. Wade to his credit, but the remainder of the side is so wellbalanced that their lower ranked players have come through to give the team their points.

The Oarsmen is the team given the best chance to bring about the surprises of the second half of the league. They have the two strongest players as their Nos. 1 and 2 in L. D. Carson and R. B. Gotch, and although Carson has dropped a point to Wade, he beat both Neugebauer and Green. Gotch has won all his matches and is likely to win the remainder, the remainder of the side being given a good chance of scoring more than the one extra point necessary for victory.

Tonight's matches include the contest between the Race Club and the Rowing Club at the Race Club courts, where two games are being postponed till tomorrow,

Ladies Championship Virtually Clinched

Erin Villa Apparently to Secure Honours

Vanquishing the Blues by a one-sided score of 22 to 8 at the Navy Y.M.C.A. last night, Erin Villa have virtually won the championship of the Reid Basketball Challenge Series for the second successive year. The Blues put up a good fight in the first quarter and held their opponents to a 2-all tie, but after that the prospective champions had no difficulty to open up and finished easy victors.

The Misses L. Ellis, V. Souza and D. Quelch formed a strong attacking trio and counted three goals each for a total of 18 points. The remaining four tallies were chalked up by Miss L. Oliveira.

The Greens maintained the runner-up position by defeating the Telephones after a hard struggle in which the two sides scored the same number of points in all except the second quarter. Miss A. Hammond, the Greens guard, starred with four goals to her credit. Miss B. Harrop, forward, gained two baskets while the Miss Sheridan converted two foul throws to make up all the scoring on the winning side.

For the losers, Misses Brambleby and Wilson, forward and centre respectively, each made two goals while the two guards, Mrs. Lawler and Miss Rybb made one each.

In a third match the League of Pals had a narrow escape from the Post Mercury five, winning by 19 to 14. At the end of the second quarter the ultimate losers were ahead by 12-11, but a good spurt in the third session turned defeat into victory. Miss V. Oliveira, guard, was the chief scorer for the winners, making four baskets. Miss L. Chao netted three times. On the losing team Misses E. Foyn and B. Campbell each sank three shots.

Team Scores

Following were the summaries:—

ERIN VILLA

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
N. Nicholson, f.	0	0	0	0
L. Ellis, f.	3	0	0	6
V. Souza, c.	3	0	0	6
D. Quelch, c.	3	0	0	6
P. Remedios, g.	0	0	0	0
L. Oliveira, g.	2	0	0	4
A. Waller, g.	0	0	1	0
M. McEven, g.	0	0	0	0
	11	0	1	22

BLUES

V. Chernoff, f.	0	0	0	0
P. Brewer, f.	1	0	0	2
N. Cohen, c.	3	0	0	6
N. Stead, g.	0	0	0	0
B. Stead, g.	0	0	0	0
	4	0	0	8

GREEN

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
B. Harrop, f.	2	0	0	4
E. Carter, f.	0	0	0	0
B. Rodgers, c.	0	2	0	2
M. Nosoff, c.	0	0	0	0
M. Sheridan, g.	0	2	2	2
H. Hammond, g.	4	0	0	8
	6	4	2	18

TELEPHONE

Brambleby, f.	2	0	0	4
Richardson, f.	0	0	0	0
Mizrahi, f.	0	0	0	0
Wilson, c.	2	0	1	4
Lawler, g.	1	0	1	2
Rybb, g.	1	0	2	2
Bloomfield, g.	0	0	0	0
	6	0	4	12

LEAGUE OF PALS

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
B. Encarnacao, f.	1	0	2	2
L. Campos, f.	1	0	0	2
L. Chao, c.	3	0	2	6
C. Betines, g.	0	0	2	0
V. Oliveira, g.	4	1	0	9
T. Betines, g.	0	0	0	0
	9	1	4	19

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E. Foyn, f.	3	0	0	6
M. Jameson, f.	0	1	0	1
B. Campbell, f.	3	0	0	6
A. Garzey, c.	0	1	1	1
V. Brauns, g.	0	0	0	0
H. Garzey, g.	0	0	0	0
E. Munz, g.	0	0	1	0
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German Railways In Sorry State

Lack of Overhauling, Dwindling Stock and Tremendous Strain

Paris, Jan. 8.

Lack of overhauling, dwindling rolling stock and the tremendous strain imposed since the outbreak of the war have brought the German railroad system down to a critical state, military quarters stated here today, basing their assertion on reports received from unimpeachable sources.

Proof of this sorry condition is provided in the large number of accidents suffered by the German railroad system during the month of December when the toll of dead for one accident alone amounted to 200. The total number of accidents during the year 1939, most of them caused by broken axle-trees, was 332, against only 22 for 1932.

The German railway situation at present is merely the result of a long period of neglect and over-strain, for in 1933, just before the Hitler regime came into power, the Reich's railroad system was flourishing. In that year there was a reserve of 79,000 wagons, a figure which dropped to 46,000 by 1934.

Alarmed at this state of affairs, German economists drafted a programme of renovation of railway material which would have remedied the situation. However, the war broke out and the orders were not filled. Even if they had been executed in time, they would not prove sufficient to cover the needs of the Reich's economy intensified as it was by the need to complete the country's rearmament programme.

Maintenance Neglected

Lack of overhauling was also an instrumental reason for the decline in the quality of Germany's railways, for in 1938 only 2,000 kilometres of track were gone over instead of the usual 3,500 kilometres of previous years.

The poor state of the German railways will be one of the major factors to be taken into consideration in the Reich's aggressive designs on her neighbour states. Germany has already concentrated a large number of troops along the Belgian and Dutch frontiers sufficient to permit an early attack and also the application of diplomatic pressure against these states. If the Reich desires to attack the Scandinavian or Balkan states, the German railway system in its present condition will prove a serious handicap to the transportation of troops to these regions.—Havas.

Pole Charged With House Breaking

Charged with attempted burglary, a Polish man, who gave his name as Daniel Pobran, alias Daniel Tobrin was brought before the first Special District Court yesterday and was remanded until Friday.

Police evidence was that accused had broken into the Nanyang Road flat occupied by W. H. Greene of the First Battalion of the U.S. Marines on Saturday night just as Mr. and Mrs. Greene returned home. Mr. Greene took him to the Bubbling Well Police Station. Mrs. Greene is said to have identified the man one who visited the place previously asking her if there was a man known by a name not connected with the tenants.

On being questioned by the police, Pobran denied that he had any criminal intentions. Accused reiterated his statement made at the police station, but Mrs. Greene was present to testify against him.

Smyrna Flooded After Violent Rainstorms

Transport and Electric Current Stopped

Smyrna, Jan. 8.

Following violent rainstorms, torrents of water swept through Smyrna and its suburbs yesterday, paralysing transport and cutting off the electric current.

The flood waters inundated the lower quarters of the city, causing houses to collapse and extensive damage, but so far no loss of lives has been reported. Three villages in the plain of Brussa, with a total population of 2,000, are completely marooned, and troops, manning improvised rafts, are trying to rescue the villagers, whose position is perilous.

Smyrna is one of the most important and flourishing seaports of the Levant, and the second port of Turkey. —Reuter.

Typhus Strikes Refugees

Istanbul, Jan. 7.

Typhus has broken out among the thousands of victims of the recent earthquakes and floods in Anatolia, it was reported today. Emergency relief work has been redoubled and the Government is doing everything possible to aid the suffering people.—Havas.

Acute Coal Shortage In Germany

Bitter Cold Sweeps Country Emphasizing Scarcity

Berne, Jan. 7.

Shortage of coal throughout Germany was felt during the past week more acutely than at any time since the outbreak of war as bitter cold swept the country, in many places the temperature reading as low as 12 deg. C. below zero.

The German people suffered because State decree forbids them to use wood as fuel.

The "Neue Zurcher Zeitung" carried a report on this subject today. Its Berlin correspondent declared that the people could be seen in the streets of the big cities, dragging along small carriages with a few pounds of coal inside and complaining about the difficulty of obtaining even small quantities of the fuel. State measures to reassure the population are awaited at any moment, the newspaperman stated.—Havas.

OBITUARY

Dr. George Eden

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Jan. 8.

Dr. George Rodney Eden, for 31 years (from 1897 to 1928) Bishop of Wakefield, died today at the age of 86. He retired in 1938.

Dr. Eden, before becoming Bishop of Wakefield, was successively Domestic Chaplain to Bishop Lightfoot of Fulham, Vicar of Bishop Auckland, Rural Dean, Archdeacon and Canon of Canterbury, Bishop of Dover, and Chaplain of the Cinque Ports.—Reuter.

Russia to Investigate Sub Activities

Stockholm, Jan. 7.

Replying to a Swedish demarche, the Soviet Government asserted today that it will inquire into Swedish statements that Soviet submarines are carrying on illegal activities in the Gulf of Bothnia, attacking peaceful Swedish vessels such as the Fenris.—Havas.

Wreckage of Captured Nazi Aeroplane

This line of oxygen tanks, resembling bombs, give an odd appearance to the wreckage of this Nazi bomber brought down behind the French lines. The tanks indicate that the plane is of a sub-stratosphere type. The plane was one of 18 brought down by the Allies in 48 hours.

Sensational Report From Hongkong

Negotiations for German Submarine Base

Germany is negotiating with Japan for securing the latter's consent for establishing a German submarine base in south China in exchange for Germany's promise to sink foreign ships carrying munitions to China. This is the sensational report published last night by the "Ta Ying Yeh Pao," a British-owned Chinese language evening paper quoting a foreign source in Hongkong.

It is stated that the German Ambassador arrived in China from Tokyo by plane having seen the Japanese Commander-in-Chief and Japanese Naval Commander in China to negotiate.

As a result of the negotiations, it is said, Japanese authorities in China have allowed Germany to use a certain island in south China for establishing a submarine base in order to harass the position of Hongkong, Singapore and Indo-China.

The report further alleges that the Japanese proposed that German submarines should sink foreign ships carrying munitions to China as an exchange for the Japanese consent but it is said that the Japanese will not shoulder the "actual responsibility."

Chinese Official Will Lecture in Mexico

Mexico City, Jan. 8.

Mr. Chan Tien-chu, an official of the Chinese Foreign Office, arrived here by plane from the United States yesterday to lecture on the Sino-Japanese war.—United Press.

Compulsory Service for Britons in India

New Delhi, Jan. 8.

It is understood that the introduction of compulsory national service for male European and British subjects in India is under consideration by the Government of India. All Britons between the ages of 16 and 50 are now registered under an Ordinance issued by the Viceroy on August 30.—Reuter.

Columbus Crew Return Via Japan

Men from Scuttled Ship Going to Germany

Tokyo, Jan. 8.

The crew of the German ship Columbus which was scuttled recently off the east coast of the United States will return to Germany via Japan and Siberia, the "Asahi Shimbun" chain of newspapers reported today.

The newspaper said that the captain of the German vessel and 40 of the 579 members of the crew were scheduled to have left Los Angeles on Saturday for Japan on the N.Y.K. liner Asama Maru.

Two hundred other crew members were booked to leave Los Angeles aboard another N.Y.K. liner, the Tatsuta Maru, while 20 others were reported to be leaving the same port aboard the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner La Plata Maru. Both Japanese ships were scheduled to sail from Los Angeles today for Japan.—Domei.

China Appeals to U.S. for Aid

Many Bodies Now Sending Messages to America; Check To Japan Aggression Asked

Chungking, Jan. 8.

In view of the expiration of the Japanese-American Trade Treaty some time this month, and its important bearing on the outcome of the Sino-Japanese war, China is at present mobilizing every effort to win American support.

American residents in China, Chinese public bodies, and Chinese students graduated from American universities, are separately sending appeals to American friends and supporters, urging them to take strong steps to check Japanese aggression in China.

Chinese broadcasting stations are devoting the main part of their programmes to special broadcasts for America.

Former students of the Tsinghua College, who have studied in American colleges and universities, decided at a meeting today to write separately to their former school-mates, professors and friends in the United States, urging them to do their utmost to help China.

The Harvard Club, of which Mr. T. V. Soong is president, last night sent a telegram to Senator Key Pittman, Democrat of Nevada. The message stated:—

"We hope that the present session of Congress will suspend such trade with Japan as may help or prolong the aggression of China. All means short of war, but powerful enough to halt Japanese aggression, should be utilized by America at the present moment. We appeal to you in the name of humanity and civilization." —Reuter.

More Airports Asked For United States

Civil Aeronautics Authority Makes Recommendation

Washington, Jan. 8.

In its first annual report to the Congress of the United States, the Civil aeronautics authority revealed that the number of privately licensed pilots will reach the figure of 40,000 before the end of the year.

The committee demanded that an appropriation of $125,000,000 for the development of aerodromes in America be made.

The report emphasized that the transporting of air passengers had increased by 54.9 per cent. over last year, the transport of merchandise had been increased by 49.7 per cent. and the transport of mail 12.5 per cent. over last year. This great increase of air traffic has made it imperative that improvement and enlargement of existing airports will not be enough and new ones must be created.

The report pointed out that the building of new aerodromes will be an important addition to the national defence system of the United States. —Havas.

Communist Paper in Stockholm Bombed

Berne, Jan. 7.

Scene of several anti-Communist demonstrations in recent days, the building of the Stockholm Communist newspaper "Ny Dag" was the site of an explosion when an infernal machine caused minor damage at the main entrance, official D.N.B. (German) news agency reported today.—Havas.

30 Days in Jail

Charged with assault causing bodily harm, a German emigre named Paul Lieomsohn, was sentenced to 30 days' detention by the First Special District Court yesterday. He was found to have whipped a rickshaw puller with a leather whip near the Garden Bridge early yesterday morning when the latter refused to receive his credit notes issued by a restaurant representing a face value of 30 cents. Both were taken to the Central Police Station where instead of answering questions he again played with the whip across a foreign officer on duty.

Mr. Murphy Condemns Jew Baiters

Associate Justice-Elect Denounces Persecution

Washington, Jan. 8.

Associate Justice Frank Murphy, former Governor General of the Philippines, told the National Palestine Conference here yesterday that Jews abroad were serving not only as scapegoats but as the means for concealing "more aggressive designs by men mad for power."

"The purveyors of hatred," he said, "are trying to bring the United States to the same conditions of group hatred and civil war that destroyed peace in Europe."

Mr. Murphy, who was appointed to the Supreme Court last week after serving as Attorney General in President Roosevelt's Cabinet, said that Jew-baiters also bait protestants and Catholics whenever they have the force to succeed and believe the loot is worth while. Mr. Murphy is a Catholic.

The Justice said that such forces as bait Jews also create street riots, intimidate innocent citizens and invade public meetings. "Democracy must seek defence in the wisdom of the people and their determination not to be led along paths which have taken other peoples to Communism and Fascism," he said.—United Press.

Allies to Crush Persecution

Washington, Jan. 8.

Speaking before the National Counsel of the United Palestine Appeal, Count Doynel de St. Quentin, French Ambassador to the United States, declared that one of the chief war aims of the Allies was to put an end to the persecutions of millions of people, stating that, "he will not agree that hundreds and thousands and even millions of people shall be considered as outlaws by the country in which they have spent centuries."

Mr. Frank Murphy, newly-appointed Justice of the Supreme Court, also spoke, and emphasized that discrimination against any religions was intolerable in a civilized world.

Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, former First Lord of the British Admiralty, predicted that the Allies must and will help in the solution of the problems of the Jews taking refuge in Palestine.—Havas.

Ex-Kaiser Down With Cold

Doorn, Jan. 8.

The ex-Kaiser, who will be 81 years of age on January 27, is slightly indisposed with a cold and is confined to his room. He will be unable to attend the funeral at Amerengen on Tuesday of his friend, Count Bentinck, who first gave him shelter when he came to Holland after abdicating. Count Bentinck died on Friday at the age of 82.—Reuter.

Better Soviet Ties to Japan Urged by Paper

Now Is the Time to Improve Relations

Tokyo, Jan. 8.

The Soviet Union should seize the present opportunity of promoting better relations between Japan and Russia by concluding a long-term fishery agreement, the "Nichi Nichi" chain of newspapers said today.

The papers pointed out that negotiations between the two countries were expected to start soon, now that a fishery *modus vivendi* had been signed.

The Soviet's proposals at forthcoming negotiations, however, the chain of papers predicted, were not expected to be acceptable, since Russia has announced that it would not recognize a treaty similar to the pact signed in November, 1936. Japan, likewise, regarded the pact as unsatisfactory and in the circumstances Soviet proposals probably would be even more disadvantageous to Japan, the chain of papers declared.—Domei.

Robber Gang Before District Court

Three alleged members of a robber gang which staged a holdup in a Chinese residence in Wuting Road on Saturday night in which one of their number was shot dead by the police and another wounded were brought before the First Special District Court yesterday.

It was revealed in Court that four men participated in the crime as a visitor was arriving. He notified a constable and soon a party of foreign and Chinese officers rushed to the place from the Sinza Police Station. A pistol was seized and part of the loot was recovered.

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DAVIES.—At the Country Hospital, on January 6, to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. DAVIES, a son. 10157

AZAR.—On January 7, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. M. A. AZAR, a daughter. -408

DEATH

ROSS.—On January 8, 1940, at Shanghai, DOUGLAS ALEXANDER ROSS, aged 41 years. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

IN MEMORIAM

SOULEVICH.—In ever-loving and cherished memory of our dear Mother, MARY SOULEVICH, who passed away on January 9, 1939. Sadly missed by her children (Morris, Olina and Sam).

"Mother dear, not just today but every day, in silence we remember." -427

IMPARTIAL NOT NEUTRAL

THE PAST WEEK

While there was no spectacular development in the hostilities between the Allies and Germany during the past week, the same cannot be said of the Finnish-Russian war. Along the Finnish border, despite the massing of large numbers of Soviet troops, the Finns, taking every advantage of the terrain and climatic conditions, not only fought off Soviet attacks, but in their turn actually crossed the border into Russia and succeeded in cutting the Leningrad-Murmansk railway. Should they succeed in remaining astride of it, the position of the Russian forces in the extreme north, which depend entirely on the railway for supplies, will become exceptionally serious. While it was at first thought that the Russians, realizing the difficulties caused by the intense cold, would be willing to dig in until the spring, and then resume activities, it would seem from the last week's fighting that they have abandoned that intention. The despatch of heavy reinforcements to the front indicate the possibility of the Soviet command still trying to force an early issue, not only in order that Finland shall be deprived of the assistance which is being prepared for her, but also in order to secure some sort of victory to allay the uneasiness which it is reported exists in Russia now that the promised walkover has been denied the Red Armies. It is not suggested that M. Stalin's position has been much affected by the failure of the Red forces, though it is quite obvious that the reverses which have been inflicted upon them redound to the credit of neither the Russia ruler nor his high command. Several despatches which have come to hand recently speak of the improvement in Finland's military resources and the strengthening of her air force, and while no decision has as yet been arrived at there is a definite chance that Sweden, if not the whole of Scandinavia, may see fit to come out into the open and afford Finland that aid which it is imperative she should have if she is to continue her successful resistance against the Red invasion.

Possibly the most important developments in the European political situation are on the verge of being reached. It is reported that the Reich will this week make serious decisions as to the manner in which the neutral nations shall be treated, while in the Balkans the possibility of forming a neutral bloc is engaging more attention now than it has for some time. With regard to the former the German threat against the Netherlands which was to be noticed in November, and which did not then materialize, is regarded as still being in existence, and the invasion of Holland may yet be one of the future developments. There is also the suggestion that the neutrality of Switzerland may be disregarded by Germany, but should this occur it would merely provide a measure for German desperation, and meet with a resistance which it is confidently expected it would be unable to overcome. The Swiss have been mobilized along their fortified boundaries ever since hostilities commenced, and, well trained for the type of fighting which the countryside necessitates, are expected to resist effectively any German attempt at invasion. In the Balkans the sturdy speech which the King of Rumania made in Bessarabia announcing the intention of the nation to resist any encroachment has served warning upon both Germany and Russia that Rumania will allow of no easy walk-over, while in the event of the Balkan States arriving at some arrangement for mutual defence against aggression it may very well be that a halt will be called to both German and Russian ambitions in that part of the world. Such a bloc supported by Italy would prove a very formidable obstacle to any nation or group of nations seeking to dominate the Balkans by force of arms, and might serve to keep the present conflagration from spreading. In this connection the attitude of both Italy and Spain towards the present war is of singular importance, and the unlikelihood of either of those nations going to the assistance of Germany so long as she is in close alliance with Soviet Russia is a factor which sooner or later may have a very decided bearing upon the trend of events.

On balance the past week has been wholly in favour of the Allies. Casualties amongst Allied and neutral shipping during the last seven days have been reduced to a minimum, and the claim that the German submarine and mine menace has definitely been checked by the Allied navies is most patently justified. On land there has been the normal inactivity and the war continues to remain the great siege as which it first started. The most sensational event of the week was the resignation of Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha from his post as Secretary for War. The facts that no reasons have been given for this wholly unexpected step, and that politically there has been no difference of opinion between him and the Prime Minister have given rise to considerable mystification which in turn is arousing no small degree of resentment. Whatever may be Mr. Hore-Belisha's faults, his merits as an organizer have been so completely demonstrated that the British public are naturally anxious over the dropping of a man who has done such remarkably efficient work. In the circumstances he appears to have taken the right decision in refusing to accept the presidency of the Board of Trade and to resign instead, but there will never be complete satisfaction until the public are informed as to why it was necessary that he should leave the War Office. The Prime Minister is in no way bound to give any explanation of his decision, nor is Mr. Hore-Belisha, but if the latter chooses to follow tradition and make a personal statement directly the House of Commons reassembles it will be welcomed as serving to allay present anxieties. Britons will want to know why the Prime Minister, while apparently desiring to keep him in the Cabinet, did not want him in the War Office, and until they do know, and the knowledge is satisfactory, there will be considerable criticism. That this development will have no effect upon the Government policy regarding the conduct of the war is the only pleasing feature about the whole matter, for the Reich can hug no comforting reassurance to itself, but only the knowledge that the Allies are determined to achieve victory and to do their utmost to extend the successes which they have already gained.

The China Hong List

With the opening of the New Year, what may be described, without exaggeration, as one of the most indispensable publications in China, has made its appearance. It is the China Hong List and with unchallenged right it will take its place among the essentials of every business house and many other institutions to whom it is a card index and register of business and residential information connected with every foreign community in China. The 1940 issue of the Hong List vividly reflects the tremendous changes which have occurred in this country since the last issue. Never before could it be said to represent, in such a high degree of sensitiveness, such a barometer of change in a period of swiftly moving and developing tendencies based on economic and political readjustment. While the outports reveal little change with the exception of Hankow, Shanghai dominates the Hong List and is largely responsible for conditions which have resulted in the Hong List being increased in size to more than 930 pages, the largest issue the Hong List has ever reached. In all departments these developments, largely Shanghai, are reflected. The Hong List is 60 pages larger than last year, with nine more pages of Who's Who material, thirteen more pages in the street directory and eight more in the residential directory, while the important sections devoted to diplomatic, consular and official circles show proportionate enlargement owing to developments. In Shanghai, of course, the influx of European refugees and the expansion of Japanese business are two causes of increased population, and illustrate the accuracy with which the Hong List with its comprehensive and careful compilation, reacts to these important changes of community life which make it so valuable to the business world of Shanghai and other cities in China and the Far East.

Il Duce and Germany

The statement made by the diplomatic editor of "Reynold's News" to the effect that Signor Mussolini had warned Herr Hitler that if an Italian peace plan were rejected by the Allies, he would not continue to support Germany morally unless she broke off completely from Soviet Russia, is interesting if true. It is most certainly not an improbable story, for it has been apparent all along that Il Duce has watched the increasing understanding between the Reich and the Soviet with considerable anxiety, and dislike. What is unlikely is that Herr Hitler will be willing to make such a complete *volte face* as it is reported Signor Mussolini desires, for it would be an admission of his earlier mistake, and Dictators cannot admit that they are not infallible. At the very best this Reich-Soviet understanding is a most uneasy affair, and endowed with no profit whatever for Germany. What supplies Russia could have given Germany are now required in order to support the invasion of Finland, the Kremlin finding that it has got a man-sized war on its hands instead of the easy task it was originally expected the conquest of Finland would be. Militarily Russia must be a keen disappointment for *Der Fuehrer*, for the Soviet armies have completely failed to distinguish themselves in anything but defeat, and the manner in which they have been dealt with by the Finns must cause a very considerable revision of opinion in Berlin as to the benefits which may be derived from a military alliance with that country. It is doubtful, however whether if Herr Hitler did break with Russia it would inspire in Signor Mussolini a hearty desire for co-operation with the Reich, for remembering all that has happened in the past, he would surely wonder exactly how permanent any new understanding between the two would be, and whether or not again at some time, when it suited Herr Hitler's plans Italy would be thrown overboard as it was last August. The chances are that Il Duce is far too sagacious a statesman to place any great reliance in any assurances he may receive from Herr Hitler for the strengthening of Italo-German relationships. If, as it is suggested, Herr Hitler may ultimately yield to pressure and get rid of Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop who procured Germany so bad a bargain from Russia, he will be freed from a man who has proved to be his evil genius, but even that would not be going so far as Il Duce would appear to require.

Why Not A Goat?

A London contemporary is urging patriotic citizens to keep goats, as one means by which Britons can assist in winning the war. To those who know the animals, this method of assisting to defeat Nazidom may seem to be a little drastic. But the paper goes on to explain that goat's milk and cheese can be quite attractive if the creature is kept off its favourite diet of cigarette ends, nails, door knobs, stockings on the washing line, and other delicacies known to be favoured by the *capra hircus*. On the contrary, if the creature is fed upon the menus prescribed by the expert goat-raisers of the United Kingdom, it may produce milk—or even cheese—without the well-known doorknob "tang," and not only palatable but positively sought after by gourmets. In Britain this important item in the nation's food supply has never been properly developed, according to the journal in question. No one apparently knows precisely how many goats there are in the British Isles, but, to quote the equivalent of Mme. Tabouis in the goat world, reliable estimates put the number at about 100,000. This is nothing like enough, if the country is to become "goat-conscious." India, for example, possesses something like 40,000,000 goats; in Turkey there are about 9,000,000 (pre-earthquake figures, of course), in Soviet Russia there are about 3,000,000, and in the United States almost as many. It is not known whether the Government intends to do anything about this. No doubt the shortage will be attended to in due course. In the meantime there seems to be a valid objection to be overcome by the sponsors of the "more goats movement" and that is the definite lack of entertainment value in the animal. Goat chops may be delightful fare in those places on the earth where it is death for the white man to go, but in the comfort of England they are hardly likely to prove popular.

IN PARENTHESIS

Identification Parade

INSPECTOR (at police station): "Now madame can you pick out the man who robbed you?"

Old Lady: "I'll try. How many guesses can I have?"

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Cute

GEORGE took his girl for a spin on his new tandem, and after going a short distance he felt exhausted. Stopping for a rest, he noticed the girl examining the pedals. He was astonished when she asked, "What are these for, Georgie?"

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Sheepish

DURING a "sheep worrying" case in the South a shepherd was challenged about the identity of a particular sheep.

"Why," he answered scornfully, "I can tell one sheep from another just as easily as I can distinguish between counsel in Court."

Whereat there was laughter in Court.

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Her Joke

AUNT Agatha dropped in for a chat. "Oh, auntie, how ugly you are!" said her little niece.

"Eva!" cried her mother, horrified. "How can you say such a thing?"

"I said it as a joke."

"It would have been a much better joke if you had said, 'Oh, auntie, how pretty you are!'" chided her mother.

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Habit

On to the parade square marched the colonel. He gave a look at the paraded men, rubbed his monocle, and had another look.

"Sir," he barked at the captain, "what's the dashed idea of parading all big men in front of the smaller men?"

"Sorry, sir," explained the captain. "It seems that the sergeant was a greengrocer up to a few months ago."

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Present from His Wife

THE air-raid warden stopped a man who was walking along Piccadilly smoking an after-dinner cigar.

"Put out that cigar," he said.

"But it's not showing any light," objected the smoker.

"I know," replied the warden. "It's the smell I'm worrying about. I'm frightened some of the boys will give the gas alarm."

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Dyeing to Join Up

A MAN called at a Canadian recruiting office. The room was very hot, he began to perspire, and the recruiting officer saw black trickling down his forehead.

It was the shoe polish the man had used to dye his hair. He had served in the South African War, as well as in the last European conflict, and was 77. So he was turned down.

And no doubt he went off muttering: "If at first you don't succeed, dye, dye, dye again."

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Both Caught

THE arrival of war prisoners in England recalls the story of the elderly German officer who, during the last war, was brought to a place "somewhere in Scotland." As he was a proud old gentleman he was much mortified at being taken prisoner.

He spoke English well, and kept telling his escort that his son, a major in a crack regiment, would be sure to avenge the disgrace which had fallen on the family name.

On arriving at the prison camp the escort were highly amused to hear their charge greeted by a cheery voice shouting: "Hullo, papa, have they got you too?"

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

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Same date, 1939	Min.	25.0	Max.	48.2

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 7th:—Rather low and unsteady pressures with fine, locally cloudy and hazy, weather and moderate variable breezes in China and at sea.

State on the morning of the 8th:—Moderate anticyclone over northern China. Small secondary maximum over the Eastern Sea and Formosa.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine to cloudy and colder weather with north-westerly to north-easterly winds over north China and our regions. Overcast and freshening winter monsoon over the Yellow Sea. Overcast to cloudy and winds veering to the north-east over the Eastern Sea.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Mr. Hore-Belisha Says Big Issue Raised

Mr. Chamberlain May Defend War Office Change Before Secret Commons Session; Demand Grows For Full Explanation; Bitter Press Comments

London, Jan. 8.

THE Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, may defend the dropping of the Minister of War, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, from the Cabinet only before a secret session of Parliament despite increasing public demand for the fullest explanation, it was reported last night. "This is very much bigger than you imagine," the former War Minister said last night. "It had to come."

Mr. Hore-Belisha received a flood of messages yesterday indicating that his resignation had created greater interest than the resignation of Mr. Anthony Eden as British Foreign Secretary. The former War Minister will deliver his seals of office to the King tomorrow at the same time that Mr. Chamberlain is speaking on the war situation at the Mansion House. He may refer to the Cabinet reshuffle during this speech, it was believed.

The fact that Mr. Hore-Belisha made the Duke of Windsor a Major-General in the British Army, causing embarrassment among the Army Staff in France, is one of the numerous but wholly unconfirmed reasons cited today for disagreement between the former War Minister and high Army officers which, political quarters believed, detonated the "Belisha bombshell."

Rumours had a week-end field day and the purported explanations of the resignation—all entirely unsubstantiated—were as varied as they were numerous.

Political quarters tended to revolve their explanations round a quarrel between Mr. Hore-Belisha and British Army generals, but the opinions regarding the form of that disagreement were varied. Most of the probable versions stated that the generals opposed Mr. Hore-Belisha's policy for the organization of the British Army in France. One Sunday morning newspaper, however, went so far as to accuse the generals of seeking to establish "something like military dictatorship."

The "Daily Mail" hinted that Mr. Chamberlain was considering the establishment of a Minister of National Defence under Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, with whom it was considered Mr. Hore-Belisha would be incompatible.

Meanwhile, the popular press in Britain continued in bitter language to assail the Government's action in permitting Mr. Hore-Belisha to leave the Cabinet.

"The public won't stand for the abject surrender of Mr. Chamberlain to the brass hats," said the "Pictorial." "Mr. Hore-Belisha was convicted for using his brains."

Baron Rothermere's "Dispatch" asked: "Is Mr. Hore-Belisha a victim of anti-Jewish feeling among a section of his highly placed critics?"—United Press.

Return to Cabinet Possible

London, Jan. 8.

Political circles in London are now inclined to believe that Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, who resigned as Secretary of State for War last Friday, will again receive office in the Government after a short period, says Reuter's Lobby correspondent.

Mr. Hore-Belisha is understood to have decided to follow Parliamentary tradition and make a personal statement at the end of question time upon the reassembly of Parliament on January 16. He will make his last appearance at the War Office today before handing back his seals of office on Tuesday.

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Nazi Bureaucracy Exposed

Official Almanach of Party Tells of Vast, Costly Ramifications

Amsterdam, Jan. 7.

The vast extent of Nazi bureaucracy in Germany, stifling all private life and engulfing every individual activity in its network of officialdom, was revealed today in the 1940 edition of the National Socialist Almanach, just received here.

The Nazi party organization, according to the Almanach, is constituted of 481,875 blocs, 92,696 cells, 27,989 local groups, 822 provincial groups and 41 district offices corresponding to Government administrative divisions.

No less than 33,000 officials work for the Labour Front, which upon Adolf Hitler's advent to power took over the task of labour unions. The figure of 33,000 was issued in 1938, and the Almanach reports that there are at least 1,200,000 more officials who work either for glory alone or for part payment.

All this army of officials is spread over the original territory of the Reich which does not include Austria and the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia.

The revenue budget of this organization in 1938 neared the 50,000,000-mark level, practically equalling the ordinary budget of the average European State.

Expenditure Kept Secret

Distribution of the money is kept secret, but it is known that certain groups such as the Strength Through Joy organization has been allotted enormous sums which have been spent without any benefit at all to the labour classes they were meant to aid.

The Almanach also revealed that in 1938, the German Peasants Organization had 21,000 officials and some more tens of thousands of officials who were paid on the part-time basis only or else worked for nothing.

Other organizations took up State activities, doubling in the work of the Government, and some even competed within the Nazi party itself in their work.

An example is afforded in the Reich's propaganda system which, according to the Almanach, was divided into three branches directed by the Propaganda Minister, Dr. Joseph Goebbels; the Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, and Gauleiter von Bohle, head of Organization of Germans Abroad.

In 1938, complaints were made direct to Herr Hitler against the great number of men employed in Herr von Ribbentrop's propaganda offices and the latter then was forced to cut down his staff from 350 to 150 men.

The Almanach deals with the organization of the Storm Troopers who, today, form a real army since they number 300,000. The men are not stationed in barracks but are divided into two groups, those who are at Herr Hitler's disposal and those who serve as auxiliary police.—Havas.

Would-Be Murderers of Mr. Phillips "Missing"

Gunmen Believed Held in Badlands, Out of Sight

The three gunmen who attempted to assassinate Mr. G. Godfrey Phillips, Secretary and Commissioner General of the Shanghai Municipal Council, on Saturday morning as he was on his way to his office from his house in Avenue Haig, had not been turned over to the Settlement Police at a late hour yesterday. They are definitely believed to be in custody, however, in one of the Chinese strongholds in the "badlands," where observers think the murderous scheme also was hatched. The outside authorities are keeping silent about the matter.

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Tokyo, Jan. 8.

There was no information in Tokyo today in connection with the attack on Mr. G. Godfrey Phillips, Secretary and Commissioner-General of the Shanghai Municipal Council, as he was leaving his home in Shanghai on Saturday morning. It was denied, however, that the culprits had been arrested by the Japanese.

Mr. Phillips's motor-car was riddled with high-powered Mauser bullets in Avenue Haig, near Route Ferguson, by three Chinese who posed as rickshaw pullers and who faked an accident to make the vehicle slow down. Both Mr. Phillips and his driver had narrow escapes as their seats in the car were peppered by missiles.

The gunmen are said to have been arrested immediately after the crime in an alleyway leading from Avenue Haig into the "badlands." They were later placed, it is reported, in one of the fortress-like strongholds in Jessfield Road. The real rickshaw pullers, whose vehicles had been taken by the desperadoes, were kept locked up in a house not far from Jessfield Road while the bold crime was being committed.

Japanese Will Fully Support New Regime

End of Hostilities In China Sought

FROM PERCY WHITEING
N.C.D.N. Special Correspondent in Japan

Tokyo, Jan. 8.

The Japanese Cabinet at a conference this afternoon decided openly to support the new Central Government of China under Mr. Wang Ching-wei. In connection with the conference the Cabinet issued the following statement:

"The Japanese Government's policy towards attaining the end of the present hostilities and the ultimate goal of the present China affair has been declared, particularly in Prince Konoye's statements of November 3 and December 22, 1938, and efforts to attain that end have been pursued since early in 1939.

"Patriotic and clear-sighted statesmen in China gradually responded to these aims enunciated by the statesmen of Japan, particularly Mr. Wang Ching-wei, who was in a leading position in the Kuomintang. Other prominent Chinese sharing his views have openly expressed their policy to be against Communism and for friendship with Japan. They are seeking peace as the salvation of China.

"Their influence has spread daily and the time has become ripe for the constitution of the Central Government. The Japanese Government has closely scrutinized the aims of these Chinese leaders and has recognized that they are in the general direction of Japan's policy. The Japanese Government, therefore, has decided to give its utmost support to the constitution and development of the Central Government of China."

Gaimusho Statement

With reference to the plan for the establishment of the new "Central Government" of China under the leadership of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, which Japanese Army leaders in Tokyo approved on Friday and which was endorsed by the Asia Development Board on Saturday, Mr. Y. Suma today described this plan as the basic foundation for the proposed new government which had been decided upon by the Chinese people.

Under this government, he said, the Japan hoped that the China incident would be disposed of, perhaps not immediately, but anyhow in several stages, with subsequent issues being decided by the new government and the people themselves including treaties with Japan and other countries.

Mr. Suma said that the new government's policy was similar to the Japanese policy and the Japanese Government supported its establishment. He added that the Sino-Japanese conversations, during which the policy of the new government had been arrived at, could not be called negotiations.

The cardinal principle was that, after the birth of the new government, China stood on her own feet. Mr. Suma was unable to say anything about the evacuation of Japanese troops but he expected Mr. Wang Ching-wei would declare, what his programme was.

Cabinet Approves

Tokyo, Jan. 8.

Fundamental policies surrounding the establishment of the projected new Central Government in China were approved by the Japanese Cabinet this afternoon at an emergency session. The basic principles were approved after Gen. Nobuyuki Abe, Premier, gave a summary of the agreement in view reached by Mr. Wang Ching-wei and Japanese authorities in China. Gen. Shunroku Hata, War Minister, amplified the Premier's explanation.

As a result of the Cabinet's approval, informed sources here predicted that the "big three of China," Mr. Wang, Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the "reformed" Kuomintang; Mr. Wang Keh-min, Chief Executive of the "Provisional Government" at Peiping, and Mr. Liang Hung-chih, Chief Executive of the "Reformed Government" at Nanking, would confer either in Shanghai or Nanking on January 15.

Preparations would be pushed at that time for the establishment of the new government of China of which Mr. Wang Ching-wei will be the central figure.

General Abe Determined

In keeping with his firm determination to continue his efforts towards disposing of China affairs, despite of opposition to his administra-

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Mr. Chamberlain to Tell of Allied Aims

London, Jan. 8.

The speech to be made tomorrow by the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, will be of utmost importance to the nation, the political editor of the "Daily Telegraph" predicted today.

The first part of the speech is expected to deal with the aims of the Allies and may remind the people that there may well be more and greater sacrifices demanded of them before the war is over. The Prime Minister may refer to the extension of government control. The speech, to last for about forty minutes, will probably contain an allusion to the message of President Roosevelt to Congress.—Havas.

Hungarian Statesman Flies to Consult Government After Venice Talks

Italian Support Against Russia Believed Pledged; More Friendly Attitude Towards Rumania Expected

Rome, Jan. 8.

Instead of going to San Remo for his proposed holiday, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Stephen Csaky, is hurrying back to Budapest following his week-end conversations with the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano.

This surprising development has given rise to the belief in some political quarters here that developments may shortly be expected in the relations between Hungary and Rumania, and that considerations which arose during the talks will be discussed in Budapest immediately. So far, there appears little evidence for such belief.

The idea expressed here, but merely as a suggestion, is that Budapest may inform Bucharest that she will refrain from harassing Rumania on the Transylvanian border if Russia made a move against Bessarabia compelling Rumanian armed resistance.

It has long been believed in Rome that some tacit agreement already exists between Rumania and Bulgaria, thus relieving Rumania of any immediate worry on the Dobrudja border.

A communique issued after the last talk between Count Ciano and Count Csaky says that the Ministers exchanged views on the general European situation.

"Once again," it asserts, "they have been able to state with satisfaction that the foundation on which the friendship and close collaboration of the two countries rest are solid and secure, and there exists a perfect indentity of views between the two governments on all problems."

Count Ciano, in a statement to the press, said perfect identity of views was shown not only on the political plane but also the moral plane of all European problems discussed.—Reuter.

Italian Promise Given

Rome, Jan. 8.

Unimpeachable sources said that Count Ciano had promised the Hungarian Foreign Minister that Italy would do her utmost to prevent Russia from crossing the Carpathians. He also was said to have promised that Italy would take an effective "preventive stand" in the event of attempted Communist expansion toward the east. Count Csaky was believed to have agreed to postpone Hungary's revisionist claims against Rumania in exchange for Italy's facilitating Hungary's relations with Yugoslavia.—United Press.

Red Invasion as Chief Menace

Rome, Jan. 7.

"La Stampa," influential Turin newspaper followed the trend of many other newspapers in saying, "that Russia has installed herself along the Carpathians which today have become the bastion of Western civilization. The Russian colossus, even though a colossus with feet of clay, must be considered at Budapest just as at Bucharest, Sofia and Belgrade, as a destroyer."—Havas.

When Former War Secretary Visited France

Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the War Secretary, whose resignation has caused a national sensation, seen during an interval for lunch during his recent tour of the British lines in France. Left to right: Captain Lord Munster, Mr. Hore-Belisha, Lieut.-General A. F. Brooke and Lord Gort, the British Commander-in-Chief.

Wild Scenes on Stock Exchange

The Shanghai Stock Exchange witnessed extraordinary scenes yesterday when no less than 1,322,806 shares and 110 bonds were dealt in, a record for Shanghai. Owing to the impossibility of handling so many orders in the wild scramble for shares it necessitated closing down on telephone orders for a time. Reaction set in the afternoon when holders were inclined to realize on their profits, but higher priced shares remained fairly steady.

Big British Liner Damaged by Mine

Trawler Lost With All Hands After Collision; German Vessel Sinks

London, Jan. 8.

The 8,317-ton City liner City of Marseilles was badly holed amidships after striking a mine off the Scottish coast yesterday. One Lascar seaman was killed, and thirteen Indian seamen injured.

Another British ship to meet with disaster yesterday was H.M. trawler Kingston Cornelian, which went down with all hands after a collision. The trawler had a crew of seventeen.

Deck-Boy's Remarkable Escape

The British steamer Cedrington Court (5,000 tons) sank in ten minutes after an explosion off the south-east coast of Britain yesterday. The crew of 34 were saved. A deck-boy had a remarkable escape. He was on look-out on the forecastle head and when the explosion occurrred was blown 20 feet into the air. He landed on the deck between the hatches, both his legs being broken.

The mishap to the City of Marseilles occurred only a few minutes after a pilot cutter had put a pilot aboard. The master of the cutter said they had gone away for about 50 yards from the liner when the latter struck a mine. The ship's boats were immediately lowered, but two boats capsized and about fourteen men were seen swimming in the water. Three managed to climb on the rudder of the liner, and the pilot cutter put off one of its own boats and picked up the men in the water, some of whom were in the last stages of exhaustion. Afterwards, the cutter took four of the liner's lifeboats in tow, bringing about 40 members of the crew of the liner to port. A lifeboat was called out and guided to the liner by a plane of the Royal Air Force.

The City of Marseilles was towed into port last evening. There was very little external damage, apart from two lifeboats wrecked in their davits, but the interior of the vessel was a shambles.

Captain Olsen, master of the liner, was injured in the explosion, suffering from bruises and shock.

The liner carried a crew of 163.—Reuter.

Another Freighter Lost

London, Jan. 8.

The British steamer Townelsey was reported to have struck a mine and sunk off the south-east coast of England. All passengers and crew were said to have been saved.—United Press.

German Liner Sinks

Oslo, Jan. 8.

The Hamburg-Amerika steamer Frankenwald (5,062 tons) sank last night near Steinsund Sognefjord, 45 miles north of Bergen. The crew of 48 and two Norwegian pilots were rescued by a Norwegian destroyer and taken to Bergen.—Reuter.

Eire Emergency Bill To Be Tested

President Wants to Know If It is Against Constitution

Dublin, Jan. 8.

It is officially learned that Dr. Hyde, President of Eire, has convened a meeting of the Council of State for today to consult the Council whether the offences against the State Bill, empowering the Government to intern people on suspicion, should be referred by him to the Supreme Court.

The President wants to know "if the Bill is repugnant to the Constitution."

This will be the first meeting of the Council of State, which is purely a consultative body, since it was established under the new Constitution of December, 1937.—Reuter.

U.S. Congress Prepares For Busy Session

Proposals for Aid to Finland Expected to Open Neutrality Controversy; Budget Raises Problems

Washington, Jan. 8.

DEMOCRATS will touch off the fireworks in both houses of Congress today when Congress is called to order at noon, heading the nation's legislators into multiple fights on taxes, spending, reciprocal trade and anti-lynch legislation. Pending in the background will be the possibility of embargo legislation against Japan after the Japanese American trade treaty of 1911 expires on January 26.

Senator Pat Harrison, Democrat of Mississippi, will offer a resolution for the creation of a joint Congressional committee to seek further cuts in President Roosevelt's budget. The move is reported to have support of the President but House of Representatives leaders indicated they would ignore it.

Mr. Joseph Gavagan, Democraft of New York, will again call up the anti-lynching bill which the filibuster led by Senator Tom Connally, Democrat of Texas, killed in the Senate two years ago after it had been approved by the House. The bill is expected to be defeated again this session.

Mr. Robert Doughton, Democratic Representative of North Carolina, planned to introduce a resolution which would extend the Reciprocal Trade Act for three years. The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, will be the first witness when the House committee hearings on the resolution begin on Thursday.

The House Naval Affairs Committee will begin hearings today on the Naval Expansion Bill. The Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Harold R. Stark, will be the first witness.

U.S. Loan for Finland

Senator William H. King, Democrat of Utah, will introduce a resolution providing for an American loan of $25,000,000 to Finland. Mr. John Dingell, a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, said he had been authorized to discuss with the Treasury and State Department another resolution which would extend a loan of $60,000,000 to Finland. This bill is sponsored by Mr. Frank Hook, Democratic Representative of Michigan. Mr. Dingell said he intends to introduce a bill providing for the sale of 10,000 new Garand rifles to Finland for US$.1 each "for experimental purposes." These bills designed to aid Finland's resistance against the Russian invasion are expected to explode a potential neutrality battle in Congress.

Democrats will gather at Jackson Day dinners throughout the country tonight and by radio will hear President Roosevelt address the Washington dinner where plates have been sold at $100 each.

President's Speech Awaited

The nation will watch the President's speech for straws in the wind which might reveal his third term plans, but he is pledged to deliver a non-partisan speech. His aides, however, are under no such pledge and probably will not pull their punches.

The Solicitor-General, Mr. Robert Jackson, will speak at the Jackson Day dinner in Cleveland. His speech will be watched with interest because of reports that President Roosevelt agrees that the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, should become Democratic candidate for the Presidency if a strong New Dealer like Mr. Jackson is nominated for the Vice Presidency.

The Federal Security Administrator, Mr. Paul V. McNutt, will speak in Raleigh, North Carolina; Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Democrat of Montata, in Denver, and the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Henry Wallace, at Des Monines, in his home state of Iowa. The southern states know little of Mr. McNutt and his campaign managers hope that his appearance at Raleigh will aid his efforts to obtain the Democratic nomination for the Presidency.

The coming battle over the Reciprocal Trade Act is bound to improve Mr. McNutt's chances for the nomination, political observers believe. He is outside the controvery while Mr. Hull and the President face more farm state wrath.—United Press.

Ministers Take Over New Offices

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Jan. 8.

Sir Andrew Rae-Duncan, new President of the Board of Trade, living up to his reputation for beginning the day's work early, arrived at the Board of Trade today well before 10 a.m. He immediately began to take over the duties of his new office.

Sir John Reith, newly-appointed Minister of Information, also arrived at the Ministry of Information before 10 a.m. to take up his new duties.—Reuter.

Mr. Gandhi Hits At Followers

Congress Shows Signs Of Disintegration; "Undisciplined Army"

Bombay, Jan. 8.

Mr. M. K. Gandhi, in an article in his paper, "Harijan," today, declares that the Congress organization shows signs of disintegration.

He continues: "The Bengal Committee are frankly defiant of Orissa and there is a split between the two camps. Things are no better at Karnatak, while a correspondent in Karala says the Provincial Committee does not believe in the present policy and Command and is trying by every means to undermine the influence of the Working Committee.

"Things are not rosy in the Punjab," Mr. Gandhi continues. "I cherish the hope they will right themselves. If not, I cannot lead an undisciplined army to victory.

Younger Men Rebuked

"Fresh elections are now on, and the Congressmen's choice is unfettered. Let younger men come forward and take charge. If they will not, but still retain the old team, they should give implicit obedience."

Mr. Gandhi's criticism of Bengal, which is elaborated in a lengthy statement issued by Mr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Indian National Congress, is interpreted in political circles as being another clear indication of Mr. Gandhi's anxiety to avoid precipitate action in connection with the present political situation, and of the Congress majority's determination to keep left-wing elements in order.—Reuter.

Mr. C. Gauss May Be Envoy to Australia

U.S. Consul-General Here May Take New Post

Washington, Jan. 8.

Mr. Clarence Gauss, at present American Consul-General in Shanghai, may be appointed Minister of the United States to Australia, it was authoritively learned here today.—Havas.

U.S. Establishes Relations

Washington, Jan. 8.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, announced yesterday that diplomatic relations have been established between the United States and Australia.

Australia has appointed her Minister of Supply, Mr. Richard Casey, as first Australian Minister in Washington. Mr. Hull said the American Minister to Canberra would be announced shortly.—United Press.

Finns Prefer Annihilation To Surrender to Reds

Whole Soviet Division Destroyed; Bibles Dropped Down Over Leningrad; Russians Now Entrenching

Helsinki, Jan. 8.

"WE may be beaten by force, but we shall have to be annihilated," declares a Finnish appeal broadcast last evening. The latest Finnish cimmunique says that an attempt by a Russian ski detachment to outflank Finnish troops in the Salla sector was defeated. The Russians are stated to have lost 300 killed. Russian air radis on Lahti and Kuopio on January 6, the statement adds, resulted in one person being killed and two wounded. The material damage was not great. Twelve Russian planes are claimed to have been shot down.—Reuter.

Stockholm, Jan. 8.

Finnish airmen report that they have repeatedly flown over Leningrad and dropped hundreds of small bibles, and that bibles have also been distributed by other methods, according to Finnish circles here. The Finns believe that this will have a considerable moral effect on the Red troops. Optimism among the Finns is increasing because their air defences are proving increasingly effective and are being rapidly augmented, and the entire eastern front, from the Arctic ocean to Lake Ladoga, on which 360,000 Russians are massed, is being successfully held by smaller but extremely mobile Finnish forces, while the prospects of a short southern front on the Karelian Isthmus, which is a very critical point, are in no way unpropitious, although vast weight is being concentrated here before the Mannerheim Line by the Russians.—Reuter.

Reds Now Digging In

Helsinki, Jan. 7.

The Red Army in Finland today began to dig in for the coldest days of the arctic winter and Soviet soldiers put down their rifles to take up the pick and shovel instead. Barbed wire entanglements were erected in front of Soviet positions as the invaders apparently have decided to wait for warmer weather before launching any large-scale offensive, a Finnish General Staff communique reported today.

Dealing in detail with war operations yesterday, the communique announced that no less than twelve Red warplanes were shot down in as many hours by Finnish planes and anti-aircraft batteries.—Havas.

Finns Claim New Victory

Helsinki, Jan. 8.

The Finnish Army today announced that the entire Russian 44th Division was smashed near Suomussalmi, resulting in the biggest victory in the war.

A special communique was issued on this claimed victory. One thousand Russians were captured and the booty included 1,170 horses, 43 tanks and guns, 47 field kitchens, 278 cars and ten armoured cars, the communique said. A Russian division has between 15,000 and 18,000 men.—United Press.

Salla Fighting Continues

Rovaniemi, Jan. 8.

Fighting was still raging on the Salla front yesterday and Finnish troops, advancing along two roads leading into Salla from Kemijaervi and Savukoski were repeating the "V" drive which routed the Russian 163rd Division last month.

Russian planes yesterday bombed Finnish positions near the front but failed to break up the Finnish advance because of the thin line tactics being employed by the Finnish High Command. The Finns also were subjected to heavy artillery fire.

300 Russian, Said Killed

The 300 Russians, who last night's communique announced as killed, were killed in the first major encounter in fourteen days in the Salla sector. The encounter was one in which the Finns were pushing their advantage in an effort to mass remanant Russian forces between the two jaws of a nut-cracker movement south of Salla. Fighting has now reached the actual border in the Suomussalmi sector at Raate which is two kilometres from the frontier on the road from Suomussalmi to the border. Lake Raate, in the same neighbourhood, is dissected by the frontier.

Penetration Tactics

The Russian ski detachment killed in the Salla sector apparently belonged to the forces which the Russians have equipped in an effort to finish their penetration tactics.

Birger Vasenius, the world's skating champion, who was killed in action on January 2 on the Lake Ladoga front, was shot while leading a skating patrol sent to relieve the island patrol which had been attacked by superior Russian forces. He was the first in line when the relief patrol was attacked while crossing the ice and was hit by a Russian sharpshooter.—United Press.

Fog Aids Defenders

In Karelin Isthmus, Jan. 8.

Fog, which concealed low clouds, was the ally of the Finns in their defence against the Russians yesterday. It was too cold for any major activity except artillery fire, which at times burst heavily along the Karelian Isthmus front, for most Russian fingers were too numb to squeeze the trigger of their rifles. In Viipuri the temperature dropped to as low as 33 degrees below zero with the possibility of it being colder in other parts of the front.—Uinted Press.

Nazis May Begin to Coerce Neutrals

Open Diplomatic Move Expected to Follow on Newspaper Campaigns

Berne, Jan. 7.

Since the officially inspired German press of late has served many thinly veiled warnings on neutrals, foreign observers in Berlin now are expecting outright German diplomatic action in the capitals of the neutral countries, the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" reported today. "The increased frequency of the warnings," he added, "has strengthened this impression among foreign observers, especially since the press has already alluded to such diplomatic action. The Netherlands' official declaration rejecting any eventual action of such sort has been particularly commented on."—Havas.

Britain Welcomes Declarations

London, Jan. 7.

British political quarters extended a warm welcome today to the very similar declarations made in Rumania by King Carol and in the Netherlands by the Government, voicing both countries' unshakable determination to uphold their independence an resist to the last against any aggression.

The declarations in Chisianu, capital of Bessarabia province in Rumania, and The Hague, capital of the Netherlands, were made almost simultaneously, it was pointed out. They acquire great importance since latest reports from Berlin indicate German pressure on neutral countries shortly will be increased.

In some cases, it was reported, German pressure may even be bolstered by Soviet parallel action.

Added significance was attached here to King Carol's statements because he chose Bessarabia, focus of covetous German and Soviet glances as the site for his firm speech on independence. He clearly warned the aggressor nations that they will have to fight every inch of the way if they ever invade Rumanian frontiers.

The Netherlands, for its part, cleared away any shreds of doubt that may have remained about its determination to resist to the end against any eventual aggression. The Hague seemingly concurs with the Allied capitals, it was stated, in the belief that while Adolf Hitler abandoned plans for an invasion of the Netherlands last November, he has not given up these plans for good.

The political quarters from whom these comments were obtained also stated they had received reports from Zurich showing that Germany will not spare Switzerland in the impending campaign against the neutrals of Europe.

All British quarters pointed out that Switzerland is well prepared to defend herself. This nation, the oldest republic on the Continent, has 200,000 men under arms and its fortifications have been manned from the very first day of war in Europe.—Havas.

Mr. Churchill Begins Tour in France

Fog Causes Abandonment Of Part of Programme

London, Jan. 8.

A thick fog hung over the air force zone when Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, began a visit of the British forces in France yesterday.

Conditions were so bad, says Reuter's special correspondent with the R.A.F., that no flying was possible. A mock attack on one aerodrome had to be cancelled, and Mr. Churchill was unable to visit all the units that the Air Force Command wished him to see.

Accompanied by his son Randolph, who is a second lieutenant, and Professor Linderman, the scientist, Mr. Churchill brought a good deal of work with him from London, and after dining with the Air Force last night he is believed to have been busy dictating notes to his secretary.

The First Lord, who was quickly recognized and greeted by villagers during his tour, was in good humour.

Today he will visit the British Expeditionary Force and air component units.—Reuter.

Patrols Crawl in Mud

Paris, Jan. 8.

"There is nothing of importance to report," says the latest French war communique.

Rain and mists are general over the French front and there has been almost complete calm all along the line for the past 24 hours. Air activity has been practically nil, though a lone German plane made a reconnaissance flight over eastern France. Ground patrols are active as usual, crawling along in mud and rain, particularly in the West Vosges.—Reuter.

Calm Night on Front

Paris, Jan. 8.

The night on the front was on the whole, calm, this morning's General Staff communique stated. There was some activity by patrol units in the region West of the Vosges Mountains.—Havas.

German Communique

Berne, Jan. 8.

Enemy scouting units were repulsed with heavy losses west of Merzig yesterday, this morning's official German communique, through the D.N.B., declared.—Havas.

Reuter Telegrams on Burning of British Mission Hospital Delayed in Transit

Japanese Censors Presumed by Local Office of Agency to Be Responsible For Hold-up

Reuter telegrams from Tsingtao, reporting the burning by Japanese troops of the English Methodist Mission hospital at Chuchia, near Wutingfu, in Shantung, on Christmas Day, were subjected to considerable delays, it was announced by Reuter yesterday. The delays were presumably caused by the Japanese censors.

The first message, filed from Tsingtao on January 4 at 6.15 p.m., took over 48 hours in transmission, only reaching Shanghai after 7 p.m. on January 6.

A second message, in which the Japanese authorities are reported to have admitted the burning of the hospital, was equally delayed. It was filed from Tsingtao on January 5 at 6 p.m., and did not get to Shanghai until 2.15 p.m. January 6.

"Normal" transmission time for messages from Tsingtao to Shanghai by the Japanese-controlled radio company, the only means of communication, is about three hours. According to the Shanghai office of this company, conditions during the past few days have been "normal," says Reuter's announcement.

U.S. Liner Freed At Gibraltar

Agents for Manhattan Give Undertaking for Contraband in Cargo

London, Jan. 8.

Reuter learns that orders have been sent to the authorities in Gibraltar to release the American 24,289-ton steamer Manhattan, which was brought to the contraband control base on Saturday night.

The agents for the liner have informed the authorities in London that the whole cargo is covered by navicerts, and they have given an undertaking that any suspicious items in the cargo would be held at the disposal of the British authorities.

Detention would have been avoided, it is reported in London, had a navicert covering the whole vessel been obtained from the British Consular authorities at an earlier date.

Navicert is a form of commercial passport, and was introduced at the end of November by the British authorities. Under the system, American exports consigned to a number of specified European neutral countries are examined by the British authorities before shipment.—Reuter.

New York Informed

New York, Jan. 8.

The captain of the ss. Manhattan informed the United States Lines today that his ship had been released at Gibraltar after the British blockade control had delayed it for 40 hours before allowing it to proceed to Genoa. He did not state whether the cargo and the mails were removed.

An official of the company said that they had anticipated detention and had placed all German mail in special bags to facilitate its handling if the British demanded the surrender of such mail. They expressed displeasure at the halting of the ship, however, pointing out that it would be impossible at present to maintain a fornightly service between New York and Italy under such conditions. —United Press.

London Confirmation

London, Jan. 8.

The U.S. steamer Manhattan was delayed at Gibraltar because the Ministry of Economic Warfare had not received any notification from the British Consul-General at New York that the vessel's entire cargo was covered by a navicert, a spokesman of the Ministry told the United Press today. He said that the London agents of the American firm, however, had claimed that the ship was covered by a navicert. When the agents supplied a guarantee, the ship was released, he said.—United Press.

German Papers Stress Detention

Berlin, Jan. 8.

The Berlin press today featured the detention of the American steamer Manhattan at Gibraltar in sensational manner. The newspapers interpreted the detention as an act of British aggression.

"Der Montag" used huge headlines to say: "London Scoffs at United States Protest."

The "Voelkischer Beobachter" used pictures on its front page of the Manhattan and also one taken aboard the American steamer Exeter, showing "British sailors robbing 220 post bags containing mail addressed to Germany."—United Press.

French Policeman Honoured

Three Officers Awarded Concession Medal for Conspicuous Gallantry

Three members of the French Municipal Police, by a decision which was made on January 6, have been awarded the French Concession Medal for conspicuous gallantry. They are Insp. Marengo, Brig. Nogue and Auxiliary Guard Proudkovsky. All three were awarded the bronze medal with clasp.

On December 30 Insp. Marengo was advised that bandits were operating in a Chinese house. He entered this house at the head of a band of police firing several shots. By his action two of the gang were arrested, three pistols were seized and stolen silver was recovered. He had one previous citation.

Brig. Nogue, on December 21, went, at the head of his men, into a store where four bandits, two of whom were armed, were committing a robbery. He was met by a volley of shots and two bullets lodged in his steel vest cover. Replying to the fire, he wounded one bandit and arrested another with his men.

Auxiliary Guard Proudkovsky, with his superior officer, entered a Chinese house where armed bandits were operating. He replied to the robbers' fire which was responsible for the arrest of two, the seizure of three pistols and the recovery of stolen silver.

Limits Put on A.R.P. Measures

London, Jan. 8.

Speaking in Glasgow today, Sir John Anderson, Secretary for Home Affairs and Minister of Security, warned his audience against an exaggerated optimism concerning the system of defence against air raids.

Sir John noted the remarkably high degree of efficiency of this system but said untiring efforts must be made to keep up this efficiency. "When the time for testing it comes we shall not find that we made excessive provisions," he said. "What is called the lull of the past four months may be the lull before a great storm and the wise man sees that his house is in order before the storm breaks upon it."—Havas.

King, Queen Rationed With Nation

System Begins with Butter, Sugar, Ham and Bacon

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Jan. 8.

Ration cards were used for the first time today at Sandringham, where the King and Queen are staying with the two Princesses. The King, Queen and other members of the Royal Family have been issued with travelling ration books, similar to those used by commercial travellers. For some weeks past the supplies of sugar, butter and bacon at the Royal residences have been kept within prescribed amounts, so that rationing has already been carried out successfully by the Royal households.—Reuter.

London, Jan. 8.

The food coupon for the Royal Family is to be removed by tradesmen who are normally in the service of the Royal Household and will be forwarded to the Windsor and Sandringham Food Officer and the North Kensington Food Office when the Court will be at Buckingham Palace.

The King has instructed that the rationing of the royal dining table should be as strict as possible. The Queen has drawn up special menus, eliminating two courses from each of the normal luncheon and dinner fares. The Windsor Castle vegetable gardens will be extended like thousands of kitchen gardens throughout the country in accordance with the popular slogan: "Dig for victory."

Government control of the purchase, slaughter and distribution of meat next week is possible as a preliminary step to meat rationing, probably this month.

Under the wartime ration plan, which becomes effective at midnight, each person may buy four ounces of butter, twelve ounces of sugar, and four ounces of bacon weekly.—United Press.

U.S. Girl Arrested by Japanese As Spy

Chungking, Jan. 8.

A pretty 24-year-old American girl, Miss Betty Graham, of Seattle, Washington, is driving an International Red Cross truck between major cities in southwest China, braving the dangers of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

After arriving at Chungking last night, Miss Graham will be on the road again on Wednesday, when her truck leaves with medical supplies for Kweiyang, capital of Kweichow.

She left Shanghai last November and travelled alone from Ningpo to Kweilin, and later to Kunming and Kweiyang. In 1937 she made a trip from India to Europe overland via Afghanistan and Persia.

"I like China so much I want to call it my home," Miss Graham declared today.

She added: "I expect to stay here a long time and concentrate on learning the language."—Reuter.

Businessmen Out For Buried Treasure

Los Angeles, Jan. 8.

A southern California syndicate of businessmen today prepared to ship power digging equipment to Cocos Island, off the central American coast, after it was reported that the loot of Lima, a U.S.$60,000,000 treasure, had been located there but was buried too deep for recovery by pick and shovel. —United Press.

Duke of Westminster Gravely Ill

London, Jan. 8.

Oxygen was today administered to the Duke of Westminster, who is reputed to be one of the richest men in England, as a result of his suffering from a congestion of the lungs. The 61-year-old Duke was suddenly taken ill after his return from the Riviera last Thursday.—United Press.

German Opposition to Be Beaten Down "By Iron and By Fire"

Drastic Measures Expected to Break Resistance To Make Reich Into "Factory, Barracks, Kitchen"

Amsterdam, Jan. 8.

Drastic domestic measures destined to break every possible resistance "by iron and by fire" and to make a "factory, barracks, and kitchen" out of Germany will be imposed within the next eight days, according to information gathered in Berlin from circles closely connected with Field-Marshal Hermann Goering now the economic dictator of the Reich.

The following are some of the measures contemplated by the Field-Marshal:

1. Closing of all retail stores which lack stock and which are unable to renew them.

2. Confiscation of money from the liquidation of whatever remaining goods are found in these stores. The owners of the shops will receive short and medium-term bonds instead of cash.

3. An "unofficial" ban on preventing banks from paying out more than 500 Reichsmarks at a time to depositors.

4. The issuing of bond coupons worth 10 or 20 Reichsmarks which will be paid to workers as part of their salary.

5. Extension of "collective eating" in canteens and "popular soups." Factories will have to provide food and lodging for their employees.

6. Severe inspection of food manufacturing industry and the closing down of all unnecessary plants.

7. A strict house-to-house census of all shoes and clothing throughout Germany to collect stocks of old clothing for the army.

8. Bureaucratic control will be strengthened and the number of employees will be cut down in a number of administrations.

9. A drastic purge throughout the Nazi Party, Army, and Administration.

Circles closely connected with the Field-Marshal believe that the Reich will thus play its last card in the domestic sphere.—Havas.

Mrs. Chamberlain Meets Women's Service

Mrs. Nevile Chamberlain (right) wife of the Prime Minister, shakes hands with the sergeant on parade of the Auxiliary Territorial Service when she visited the women war workers in their barracks near London. Mrs. A. T. Chitty, Assistant Director of the A.T.S., is in the centre.

Mr. Hore-Belisha Says Big Issue Raised

(Continued from page 7)

Mr. Hore-Belisha today said farewell to his staff at the War Office.

Reuter's parliamentary correspondent learns there is no question at present of an early recall of Parliament to discuss the resignation. Some concern has been expressed by Labour leaders that Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation might lead to the abandonment of some of the reforms he instituted during his tenure of office. It is pointed out that these decisions were approved by the Government as a whole, and not by any one individual, consequently no major changes are to be expected.

The wide changes and reforms carried out in the British Army during Mr. Hore-Belisha's tenure of office, and the accord between him and the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, evidenced in letters between them already published, lead the press to draw the inference that the change in occupancy of the office does not foreshadow a change of policy.

No Change in Policy

Typical of British public opinion on this aspect is the "Sunday Times" declaration: "No changes are intended in policy. It is not the least of achievements for which he deserves ungrudging recognition—and for which no one throughout has more consistently given him recognition and support than the Prime Minister—that the whole problem of army expansion is going forward smoothly to a solution on universally agreed lines.

"The adoption of conscription and the methodical calling up of conscripts, the arrangements made for equipment and training on a vast scale—these measures, like the reforms to which we have already alluded, are settled gains of which no succeeding War Minister will deprive us."—Reuter.

Possible Defence Ministry

London, Jan. 8.

A ministry of National Defence may be formed following the departure of Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha as head of the War Office and the appointment to that position of Mr. Oliver Stanley, the political editor of the "Daily Mail" predicted today.

This new body would have complete charge of all of Britain's armed forces, and if it becomes a reality, it is held to be almost certain that Mr. Winston Churchill, now First Lord of the Admiralty, will head the new Ministry.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, may be requested to summon a secret session of the House of Commons to explain Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation if he thinks it unwise to give such explanations before a public session, it was learned.

It is the custom, it was pointed out, for resigning Ministers to speak to the House a last time to give their reasons for resignation. If the House meets in open session, Mr. Hore-Belisha may not wish to make any statements under present wartime conditions. At all events, it was learned, Mr. Chamberlain this week will meet Opposition leaders to discuss the reconstruction of the War Cabinet.

Mystery Still Unsolved

Unlike the resignations of Mr. Anthony Eden, Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper and Sir Samuel Hoare, who in their time, also caused sensations, the resignation of Mr. Hore-Belisha continues to be a mystery and explanations are keenly awaited in British political quarters.

Representatives of all parties contacted by Havas agreed that some explanation of the young statesman's sudden resignation should be given the House of Commons.

Mr. Chamberlain apparently asked Mr. Hore-Belisha to give up the War portfolio and instead assume the presidency of the Board of Trade, it was stated. The War Secretary refused and said he would rather resign.

The mystery of the whole affair abides in the Premier's reasons for wishing to shift the capable War Secretary who, according to British political quarters, has gained wide respect for his efficient reorganization of the Army.

The Premier is understood to have told Mr. Hore-Belisha that there were "certain prejudices" against his remaining in the War Office, prejudices which he personally did not share but which he thought best to try and wipe out. He therefore offered the War Secretary another Cabinet position. Despite Mr. Hore-Belisha's refusal at the time, the Premier is stated to be hopeful of his acceptance upon further consideration.—Havas.

Boulder Dam Plot Denied

Washington, Jan. 8.

Officials of the State, War and Navy Departments and the Federal Bureau of Investigation today denied all knowledge of foreign reports of a sabotage plot against Boulder Dam. They said the rumours probably were circulated because of the special precautions taken to guard the dam for the past month. The Commissioner of Reclamation, Mr. John C. Page, said he had not heard of the plot. He added that the "rumours probably were precipitated by the precautions." —United Press.

Sweden May Fight To Support Finns

Parliament Reconvening For Fateful Decisions; German Stand Unknown

London, Jan. 8.

Impending debates in the Swedish Parliament, which reconvenes on January 11, interested British political quarters today for it was believed that Sweden's future role in the Finnish-Soviet conflict will be decided in the next few days.

Parliament in Stockholm will decide on the nature of assistance that Sweden may extend to Finland in the future. It may decide to give open aid, in which case Sweden formally will fight side by side with Finland against the aggressor.

Before a final vote on this problem is taken, it was stated here, the Swedish Government will probably confer with the various political party leaders to obtain their views on the situation. The question of open aid to Finland is complicated at present by the big issue of Germany's action in the future.

This will not keep Sweden inactive if she considers it her duty in defence of her independence to enter the conflict on Finland's side, British quarters stated. They commented in this respect on the article published today by the "Krasnaia Zviesda," official Red Army organ, which alleged that France and Great Britain are doing all they can to drag the Scandinavian countries into the war. This article, in putting forward the favourite argument of the German propaganda machine, proves once more that Soviet-German collusion is a reality at present.

The article's allegation that the Allies are making attempts on the northern countries' independence, however, met only with ridicule here as such statements sound specially funny coming from the U.S.S.R., which has concluded "mutual aid pacts" with three small countries, and gone to war with a fourth because it would not agree to such a treaty. —Havas.

Japanese Will Fully Support New Regime

(Continued from page 7)

tion by members of the Diet, Premier Gen. Nobuyuki Abe will meet with the heads of major political parties on Wednesday, the "Nichi Nichi Shimbun" chain of newspapers said today.

The presidents of the five leading political parties, the chain of papers said, would be invited to the Premier's official residence, and be asked to approve basic principles relating to the establishment of the New Central Government as well as a formula for the disposal of China affairs, the papers declared.

Although the Premier was taking a cautious attitude towards the political situation in view of the anti-administration campaign by 278 members of the House of Representatives, Premier Abe was determined to finish the business he and his Cabinet set out to complete, the chain of papers stated. The disposal of China, affairs was the major business on the list. The Diet will resume sessions on January 21.—Domei.

These sources also predicted that the chiefs of the liaison departments of the China Affairs Board would meet in Nanking on Thursday, four days before Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Mr. Wang Keh-min and Mr. Liang were expected to confer.

Premier to Report to Emperor

With the Cabinet's stamp of approval on the policies, Premier Abe was expected to proceed to the Palace tomorrow afternoon to report to the Emperor on the progress towards the inauguration of the new government.

Before Cabinet members went into the emergency session, Gen. Hata, Gen. Gen Sugiyama and Gen. Hisaichi Terauchi, the latter two Supreme War Councillors, met this morning, ostensibly for the purpose of discussing the proposed policies.

The fundamental principles were endorsed on Saturday by the Asia Development Board. Representatives of Japanese authorities in China arrived in Japan on Thursday after Japanese authorities on the spot held three days of conferences with Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

"No Possibility of Invader's Withdrawal"

Peiping, Jan. 8.

The status of the North China régime would be the same even after the formation of the proposed "Central" régime, declared the Japanese spokesman here today, adding that the north China Army were convinced they must aid in the formation of the new régime. There was no possibility of the withdrawal of the Japanese Army from China, at least for the time being, the spokesman added.

"Mr. Wang Ching-wei," he went on, "is trying to convince the Chinese people that he can handle the entire matter alone, so if I contradicted him and said he could not subsist without the Japanese Army it would be interfering."—Reuter.

U.S.-Japanese Relations

Official Journal States That Situation Depends On Modus Vivendi

Washington, Jan. 9.

The "Army and Navy Journal" said today in an editorial that the adoption of a *modus vivendi* when the Japanese-American commercial treaty expires January 26 depends upon the offers Japan is willing to make.

But the "Journal" added, "it is certain there will be no abatement of American demands."

The Abe Government of Japan may be able to make sufficient concessions to statisfy President Roosevelt, but at "this writing there is no such prospect," the "Journal" said.—United Press.

Discussed in Washington

Tokyo, Jan. 8.

Hints that a commercial *modus vivendi* between the United States and Japan might have been discussed at the interview Saturday between Mr. Kensuke Horinouchi, Japanese Ambassador to Washington, and Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, were given today by a spokesman for the Japanese Foreign Office.

The spokesman stated that official dispatches received from Washington on the interview did not say that Mr. Horinouchi and Mr. Hull had discussed the subject, but he intimated that it was possible that there had been some talk of a temporary agreement.

Another interview between Mr. Joseph Clark Grew, American Ambassador to Japan, and Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, had not been arranged, the spokesman stated.

In response to a question by a French correspondent, the spokesman said that the Yunnan Railway was being bombed by Japanese forces for strategical reasons. Asked if the Japanese action was an infringement on an agreement signed in 1907 between the French and Japanese governments, the spokesman stated that the Japanese Government had no intentions of infringing on any international treaties.

In connection with the transportation of arms and munitions through Indo-China to the Chungking Government, the spokesman pointed out that French authorities in Japan recently called on Admiral Nomura to explain the French position in the matter. Japan had filed a protest with French Indo-China authorites.

Turning to the projected establishment of the Central Government of China, the spokesman said that it was natural for Japan to want to extend assistance to the new Government in the execution of its platform, provided the platform met the approval of the Japanese Government.—Domei.

Germany's Problem of Paying for War

Marshal Goering's Task As Economic Dictator

Copenhagen, Jan. 8.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Politiken" writes today that Field Marshal Goering's first task, as Nazi economic dictator, is to secure fresh funds for war purposes.

The writer adds: "The last war cost Germany 35 milliards of marks a year. The present war is costing about 50 milliards, exclusive of ordinary state and municipal expenses.

"Customs and other ordinary revenues yield 28 milliards of marks a year, but now 50 milliards have to be squeezed out the population."

During the war with Poland, says the correspondent, 2½ million men were called up, and reliable calculations indicate that 4½ million men are now under arms. The correspondent also mentions that it is predicted in Berlin a tax on savings will be one of the new taxes to meet war needs.—Reuter.

Government Acts Against Commodity Prices

Chungking, Jan. 8.

Chinese authorities are taking measures to curb the rise of commodity prices throughout China. Experts, appointed by the National Government to examine the problem, are concentrating their investigations on essential commodities such as fuel, rice, oil and salt.

Efforts are being made to increase production of essential commodities at lower prices, to lower the cost of transportation of such commodities, and to reduce middlemen's costs.—Reuter.

Franco-Japanese Pact Not Infringed

FROM PERCY WHITEING

N.C.D.N. Special Correspondent in Japan

Tokyo, Jan. 8.

Mr. Y. Suma, Japanese Foreign Office spokesman, said today that he had no information regarding the bombardment of the Yunnan Railway. He added that he did not believe that the bombardment was an infringement of the Franco-Japanese pact of 1907 as it was carried out for reasons of strategy and was a necessity. Japan, he said, had no intention of infringing any treaties.

U.S. Answers League Appeal for Finns

Geneva, Jan. 8.

A reply was received today from the United States to the Note sent by the League Secretariat on December 18 appealing to all nations to extend aid to Finland. The American note will be made public shortly, either here or in Washington. It is understood that the answer expresses the hope that initiatives in favour of Finland will be co-ordinated so as to avoid duplications.—Havas.

French Medical Workers Going to Finland

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Paris, Jan. 8.

Members of a French medical unit are being sent to carry out ambulance work in Finland, it was announced today. Two of the unit are already in Sweden. The main party, about 50, will leave for Finland in ten days time.—Reuter.

Japanese Buy Much Siamese Rice

Bangkok, Jan. 8.

It is understood that two Japanese firms have each placed an order for 500,000 tons of Siamese rice to be delivered in 1940. The two firms are the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha and the Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha. The orders represent more than half the total of Siam's annual rice exports, which amount to 1,700,000 tons. —Havas.

One Robber Killed In Gun Battle

Police Seize Gang in Avenue Road Area; One Robber Wounded

Surprised by a party of police, who turned out from Sinza Station after an alarm had been raised, a gang of robbers who had staged a hold-up in Tsang Ka Zah road yesterday afternoon, were seized after one of their number had been killed by police bullets and one wounded.

The robbery occurred in the vicinity of Avenue Road and an alarm was raised before the gang, four in number, had left. On reaching the street they found the police party awaiting them and a gun battle ensued.

In the firing one robber was shot down, fatally wounded, while a second man fell to the ground, wounded. The other two were captured without any trouble by the police. Two pistols were seized. The police party was under the command of Insp. J. E. P. Blenkinsop, Officer-in-Charge of Sinza Station. All the loot which the robbers had seized was recovered.

Robber Challenged

A Chinese police constable challenged an escaping thief yesterday morning before daylight, in Kiaochow Road near Wuting Road, and when the suspect failed to stop, the policeman fired his pistol at him. It is not believed, however, that the man was wounded.

Germany Wants Polish Protectorate

Dutch Report Says Reich Speeding Soviet Trade

Amsterdam, Jan. 8.

The German authorities are trying to constitute a protectorate in Poland similar to that of Bohemia and Moravia, the "Nieuws van den Dag" learned from Berlin today.

It is understood that the Reich is doing everything to speed up commercial exchanges with Soviet Russia, and is hastily repairing the damaged railway lines crossing Poland and leading either to Russia or Rumania and Slovakia.—Havas.

Chinese Troops Said Defeated

Hankow, Jan. 8.

After routing Chinese troops under Gen. Sun Lien-chung, north of Sinyang in southern Honan province, five Japanese detachments began mopping-up operations against 2,500 Chinese troops of the 119th Division near Changtaikwan, 30 kilometres north of Sinyang. The 119th Division is commanded by Gen. Sung Che-yuan.

Japanese air forces were co-operating with the ground forces in the operations and the Chinese troops were reported to be fleeing northward.

In Kiangsi province, north-east of Nanchang, Japanese forces were concentrating their efforts against a small-scale guerilla campaign being conducted by Chinese troops after the main Chinese forces were crushed near Nanchang last week.—Domei.

406 Shansi Engagements

Taiyuan, Jan. 8.

Japanese forces engaged in mopping-up operations in various sections of Shansi Province during the latter part of December had 406 encounters with Chinese troops, a summary of activities showed today.

In engagements with 77,000 Chinese troops, the Japanese forces captured 407 prisoners, four trench mortars, four heavy machine guns, 40 light machine guns and a large quantity of ammunition and military clothing. The Chinese troops left 5,483 dead on the battlefields.—Domei.

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Captain Anderson Repairing Junk

Victoria, Jan. 8.

The Chinese junk Taiping, which sank after taking 103 days to cross the Pacific Ocean from Shanghai, was raised yesterday for temporary repairs. Captain John Anderson, American skipper, said that the craft would be taken to Vancouver for full repairs preparatory to sailing for New York via the Panama Canal.—United Press.

Ninth Demarcation Meeting Committee Held

Tokyo, Jan. 8.

The ninth meeting of the mixed commission of Japanese-Manchoukuoan and Soviet-Outer Mongolian delegates was held at Harbin yesterday when a discussion of the question regarding boundary demarcation on maps was continued, the Foreign Office announced here today.

The next meeting will be held on January 10, at the lodgings of the Soviet-Outer Mongolian delegates.—United Press.

Quezon Said Favouring Independence Delay

Manila, Jan. 8.

Sr. Prospero Sanidad, a member of the Philippines National Assembly, said in a speech at Santa Maria, Iloco Sur, yesterday that President Manuel Quezon favours a re-examination of the Philippines independence question. President Quezon, he said, cannot admit this publicly because it would be inconsistent with the stand he took when he was elected to office.—United Press.

California Clipper Finally Takes Off

Manila, Jan. 8.

Pan-American Airways California Clipper took off from here at 3 a.m. today en route to San Francisco after being delayed here eight days by unfavourable weather. The plane is to arrive in San Francisco on January 13, Manila time. The Philippines Clipper is expected to arrive here on January 12, returning to the United States on January 16. The Honolulu Clipper arrives January 15 and takes off for San Francisco again on January 19.—United Press.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

A very attractive wall calendar has been received from the Shanghai Dockyards Ltd., bearing a reproduction of a painting, "On The Quay," by W. Lee-Hankey, R.O.I.

The Foreign "Y" lecture committee announces that Dr. E. Kann will speak today at 9 p.m. on the subject "Chinese War Finances and Currency."

Various Chinese women's organizations in British Malaya wired a joint appeal on November 24, 1939, asking the United States to adopt economic sanctions against Japan on the same lines as the appeal wired by Madame Chiang Kai-shek from Chungking on October 27, says a Chungking Chinese message to the "Sin Wan Pao."

The second of the series of meetings in connection with the Week of Prayer arranged by the local branch of the World's Evangelical Alliance will be held this evening at 5.30 in the Bubbling Well Chapel, when the subject for meditation will be "The Universal Church" The leader of the meeting will be the Rev. F. A. Skinner.

The Shanghai Municipal Council health report for the week ending midnight, January 6, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Settlement were—Foreigners 16 and Chinese 585. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, nil and Chinese, Tuberculosis 36; Typhoid Fever 13; Dysentery 6; Beri-beri 5; Diphtheria 3; Malaria 2 and Influenza, Measles, Relapsing Fever, 1 each.

The health report of the French Municipality for the week ending January 6, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Concession were—Foreigners 5 and Chinese 194. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, Pneumonia 1, and Chinese, Tuberculosis 12; Pneumonia 6; Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers 5; Dysentery 3 and Cerebrospinal Meningitis 1.

Preparations are being made by local Chinese business houses and the various banks to settle their final annual clearances by February 7, the eve of the Chinese New Year, says the "Sin Wan Pao." The Executive Committee of the Native Bankers Association will hold a meeting on January 10 when they will decide on the various measures to be adopted for the final annual clearances and after the China New Year, the report states.

A branch of the Sino-Burmese Cultural Association was established in Lashio on January 1, upon the return of the Burmese Goodwill Mission to China, states a Chungking Chinese message to the "Shun Pao." Members of the Burmese Goodwill Mission, who arrived at Rangoon by air the following day, declared that they had obtained a very good impression from their trip to the Chinese war zones, and would publicise China's cause among the Burmese people with a view to improving Sino-Burmese relations, the report concludes.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central British War Shanghai Fund has received a letter from the Lord Mayor of London, at the Mansion House, dated November 17, which reads:

I have received through the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation a cheque for £3,400, being first instalment from the Fund which you are raising on behalf of the British Red Cross and St. John Fund, which I am promoting in response to H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester's appeal.

This very generous support is deeply appreciated, especially in view of the very troublous time through which you are passing.

The attempt on Hitler's life must have come as a rude shock to the Nazis, for he is by far the best-guarded dictator who has ever lived. He has a personal bodyguard of 12,000 men. They average six feet in height, they are all young, and they can all trace their Aryan ancestry back more than a century. They wear black uniforms with black ties. They are all pledged to give their lives, if necessary, in Hitler's service. In return they are rewarded with the best jobs in the State and Party. Hitler treats them with special friendliness, and they know that no disciplinary action can be taken against them without his consent. And these of course, are only the inner guard. The Fuehrer's safety is the special concern of Herr Himmler, with his 200,000 Gestapo members and as many local police.

Nazi leaders tell the Germans that the food they receive is good and nutritive, but Hitler has described it as "frass." Perhaps the best translation of this word is "unspeakable muck." When Hitler came to power he complained bitterly about the food served to him, and demanded Viennese food. The Gestapo were ordered to see that he got it. Himmler's task was to find a Viennese cook who could be trusted not to poison Hitler. At last they found an elderly woman who had no interest in politics or Jewish friends. "I can't eat this German frass," Hitler told her. "Can you cook good Austrian food?" The woman said she could, and, with no shortage of the best material, she still does. Hitler eats at least nine "mehrenkrapfen" every day—chocolate éclairs, with whipped cream, though such delicacies have long been beyond the dreams of the ordinary German. While Hitler eats his whipped cream éclairs Germans are being fed on a new diet—coal.

Sir Lancelot Oliphant, who has just married Christine Lady Churchill, is a typical bland diplomat of the Edwardian school, and it was he who, as a young Foreign Office Secretary in 1914, was deputed to carry to the German Ambassador in London Great Britain's declaration of war on Germany on the night of August 4. He has an expert knowledge of Near Eastern affairs gained while at the Embassies at Teheran and Constantinople. It once became necessary for the diplomatic bags containing important dispatches to be conveyed by foot from Tiheran to Bagdad, the Persian mountain roads having become impassable to vehicular traffic through heavy snowfalls, and Sir Lancelot Oliphant volunteered to do the job. Through a post office spelling error the telegram received at the Embassy at Bagdad notifying his arrival read: "Elephant coming with bags." Back came the reply: "Wouldn't camels be cheaper?"

Objections to Asia Realty Co. Plan

Debenture Holders File Objections Before Judge Helmick in U. S. Court

The plan of reorganization of the Asia Realty Company, Federal Inc., U.S.A., remained unconfirmed yesterday as objections to the plan were received by Judge Milton J. Helmick from three parties in the United States Court for China yesterday morning. Those objecting were Mr. M. Speelman, representing a group of debenture holders; Mr. N. F. Allman, representing a group of debenture holders and preferred shareholders; and Mr. J. B. Davies, representing the Trustee for the debenture holders. Mr. M. P. Walker, on behalf of unsecured creditors totalling five lakhs, approved the plan of reorganization. The hearing was adjourned to allow the objectors to file a new plan of reorganization.

Under the plan of reorganization which was filed on December 9, and which was subject to confirmation by Judge Helmick yesterday, the tangible assets of the Asia Realty Co. were purchased by Messrs. F. P. Bills and George Bourne, who agreed to pay into the company $1,745,000 in cash as new capital in exchange for new common voting shares of the company. Upon confirmation of the plan two years' interest in arrears would be paid to the debenture holders. Outstanding debentures amount to $5,958,321.67. The debenture trust deeds provide that the company shall put up additional security in the event that the aggregate value of the security held by the trustee for the debenture holders falls below a certain amount. The plan suspends this provision of the trust deeds for a period of three years provided the company shall make semi-annual interest payments.

Shareholders' Rights

The rights of all present stockholders of the company, including preferred shareholders, would be deemed extinguished under the plan. Shares would be considered cancelled and shareholders would have no further claim against the company. Loan certificate holders and other general unsecured creditors of the company, whose claims amount to $3,016,184.55, would receive 35 per cent. of their claims, calculated as of June 6, 1935, in complete discharge of their claims.

The plan was filed in the United States Court for China on December 9 by the Trustee of the company, Dr. George Sellett. Dr. Sellett, however, later received indications that another person or persons desired to make a higher offer under the plan and consequently on December 27 this new offer was made before Dr. Sellett in the U. S. Court. Meanwhile, the original offerers, Messrs. Bills and Bourne, appeared in court on the same day and outbid the new offerer by raising their original bid from $1,650,000 to $1,745,000 at which price they were awarded the tangible assets of company, subject to confirmation by Judge Helmick.

Yesterday's hearing was adjourned in order to allow the debenture holders time to file a new plan of reorganization. Should the plan be filed before next Monday the hearing will be resumed on that date, if not it will be further adjourned until not later than January 29.

Chinese Killed in Fall Of Brick Wall

Eastern District Also Has Fire in Timber Stores

One Chinese was killed by a shower of bricks at 11 o'clock yesterday morning when the wall of a partly demolished Chinese house collapsed, at the intersection of Lingwu and Hochien Roads. Firemen from the Yangtszepoo Station spent half an hour clearing the debris.

Earlier yesterday morning, Hongkew Station firemen extinguished a fire which was raging in some timber stores in Hwakee Road, Wayside district. The flames burned for over an hour but were under control within fifteen minutes. No one was injured.

A quantity of timber and straw was destroyed and the building itself was damaged on the ground and upper floors as well as the roof.

No Egg Monopoly, Says Japanese Spokesman

New Company Formation Denied Yesterday

A report that the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha had become the principal of a subsidiary firm, floated to exercise a Japanese monopoly on the China egg trade, was denied by a Japanese Embassy spokesman at the Japanese press conference yesterday. M.B.K. officials, he stated, had pointed out that such a company as the one mentioned in the report did not exist.

In connection with the very "vexing question of eggs," the spokesman continued, negotiations were now under way between interested parties with a view to securing permits for buyers employed by various firms to proceed to the interior to secure supplies direct from producers instead of through the Japanese.

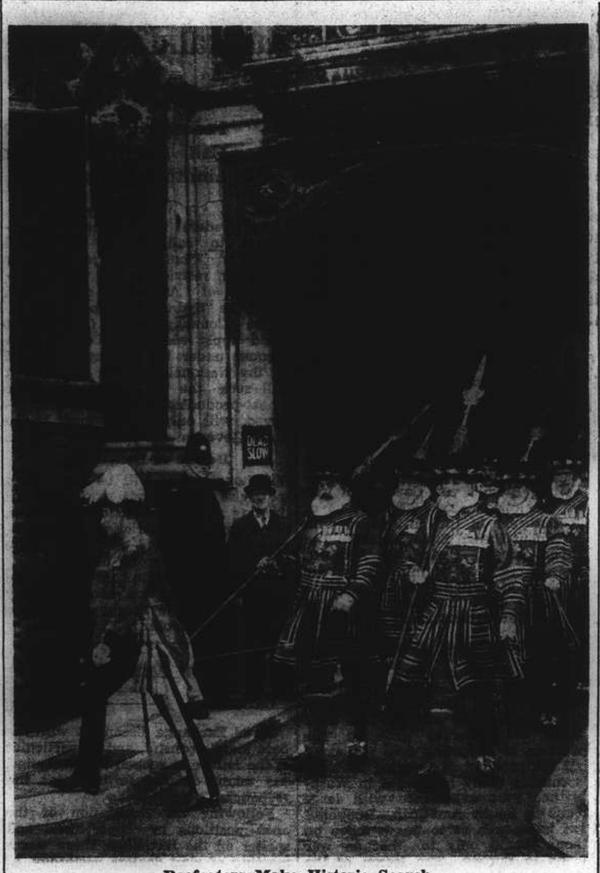
The reason that eggs had been held by the Japanese in the past, he said, was that eggs were subject to permits and there had been investigations into the validity of these permits.

Japanese to Study Envoy's Remarks

Chungking Speech Report Queried in Shanghai

A Chungking report to the effect that M. H. Cosme, French Ambassador to China, had stated, in a speech in the wartime capital, that China had been fighting an aggressor for 2½ years and that the positions of France and China were similar, is now being studied by the Japanese authorities, an Embassy spokesman stated at the Japanese press conference yesterday.

This report had been queried by the Japanese authorities, the spokesman said, and they felt confident that the Ambassador of a neutral power in the China conflict did not make such a statement. Should he have done so, however, the Japanese authorities would regard such a declaration with profound regret.



Beefeaters Make Historic Search

Although much of the ceremonial and pageantry marking the opening of Parliament has been dispensed with owing to the war, the Beefeaters carried out their traditional search of the vaults—a custom dating back to Guy Fawkes and the conspiracy. Here, the Yeomen of the Guard are seen leaving after completing search.

Inquest on Indian Watchman

Armoured Car Driver Gives Evidence in H.M. Police Court

The inquest on Bishen Singh, an Indian watchman who died in the General Hospital on December 14 after he had been discovered lying in Robison Road with a fractured spine and other injuries by passengers in an S.V.C. armoured car, who stated that they had felt two bumps just before the car was stopped and the discovery made, was continued in H.M. Police Court by Mr. C. H. Haines, H. M. Registrar yesterday.

There were three witnesses, a Sikh Police Constable, a foreign Sergeant of the S.M.P. and a member of the Russian Regiment, S.V.C., who was the driver of a second armoured car which followed the one in question. Mr. P. Watkin Williams appeared for the S.M.C. The enquiry was adjourned until 10 a.m. on Thursday.

Nicolai L. Kazanseff, a chauffeur of the Russian Regiment, S.V.C., who was driving armoured car No. 2 in the early hours of December 13 said the car was part of the Gordon Road Station patrol. At about 2.47 a.m. he was proceeding north to south down Robison Road, about 10 or 12 yards behind the first armoured car. About 50 yards south of Penang Road, he noticed a Chinese woman on the side of the road, who shouted and made signs to him to stop.

Smell of Alcohol

"I immediately stopped," witness said through an interpreter. "Then I noticed that the car ahead had also halted and the driver and sergeant alighted. The Indian was lying on the road about two or three yards from the radiator of my car, and slightly to the right of the car. I spoke to him and he opened and closed his eyes. He did not say anything. I noticed a smell of alcohol. I also noticed some dried blood on the right corner of his mouth. I thought he had been hit before the accident and the blood had dried."

"Why did you think it had happened before the accident?" the Coroner asked. "There is a great difference between the colour of old and new blood," replied witness. "This blood looked as if the injury had occurred before. It had dried and congealed into a scab. It looked as if it had come from the inside of his mouth."

Witness continued that the street lighting was poor and he was driving with dim lights at the time. It was also drizzling and the road was wet and muddy. It was nevertheless in good condition. He stated that he did not see the Indian from his seat in the car, and also said that if he had continued to drive in the same direction he would have run over the Indian.

Drinking With Friends

Darshan Singh, Sikh Police Constable 645, attached to Gordon Road Station, stated that he had visited the deceased in hospital while he was still conscious. He asked Bishen Singh what had happened, and the latter replied, "I was hit by a vehicle." He could not remember where he had been hit nor where the accident had occurred. "I asked him if he was drunk," the witness related. "He replied that he had been drinking with a friend at the Sincere Company. He could not remember his friend's name." Witness had also examined the clothes of the deceased. There were no marks on the trousers or turban, he said, but the overcoat had mud marks on it and also dust.

Sergeant John Seaby of the S.M.P. Traffic Branch, next gave evidence. He said that the armoured car with its crew of four men weighed 7,825 lb. The steering and brakes were fully efficient and in his opinion, the armoured car, when travelling at 7 miles per hour, could pull up within five or six feet. The inquest was adjourned until Thursday morning.

Philippines to Build Own Planes

Manila, Jan. 8.

The National Defence Department of the Philippine Government announced today that it would introduce a bill in the National Assembly calling for an appropriation of one million pesos for the construction of an aeroplane factory in the Philippines. The bill also would provide for an annual subsidy of 600,000 pesos for the factory.—United Press.

Marshal Wu May Be Made "God"

Movement to Include Him In Chinese Pantheon In Local Temples

A possibility of Marshal Wu Pei-fu, the Northern warlord who died recently, being included in the Chinese Pantheon on similar footing to Kwan Yu, the God of War, and other military heroes of Chinese history, is envisaged by a new movement started to honour him. A drive has been started here to raise funds to erect a bronze statue in his memory but the new Chinese authorities in Kiangsu have launched another movement to encourage people to worship Marshal Wu in their temples.

The suggestion has been put forward by Mr. Chen Chieh-min, new governor of the Kiangsu Provincial Government under the "Reformed Government," who says in a petition to Mr. Liang Hung-chih, President of the Executive Yuan of the new regime that the idol or image of the late general should be placed side by side with that of Kyan Yu, popularly known to all Chinese as Kwan Kung, a warrior in the Han Dynasty who is worshipped as the Good of War in many temples throughout the country. Mr. Chen intends to make it a nation-wide movement urging that the provisional government in Peiping also be asked to lead the movement.

Soldier Worship

Mr. Chen mentions three reasons why the soldier should be worshipped. The late Marshal Wu is said to have possessed a lofty personality and good virtues of a soldier rarely seen in China. His soldiers were well trained and he never revolted, being loyal to his superiors. He was never covetous of fortune and he had never gone to any foreign concession or settlement or foreign country for protection, it is said. The late poet soldier is said to be loyal to his political ideals based on ancient moral principles and antagonistic to communism.

Although most superstitious Chinese are Buddhists they also always respect Kwan Yu for whom many temples called Kwan Ti (meaning emperor) Miao have been established. Although to worship Kwan Yu (usually dressed in green dragon garment with long black beard and reading a book) can hardly be said to be an orthodox religion in China, it may be called a religion of bravery among certain groups of people interested in outdoor work. For instance, Chinese seafaring men and soldiers like to worship Kyan Yu and the worshipping is particularly prevalent in Kwangtung. He is worshipped also in many Chinese families.

Rice Supplies Arrive North of Creek

The supplies of rice, which the Japanese authorities promised to send to Shanghai to relieve the local shortage, are now being sold in areas north of the creek, a Japanese Embassy spokesman stated at the Japanese press conference yesterday.

Municipal Concert

Sunday at the Lyceum Theatre

Concerto Grosso .....Porpora-Gui
2nd movement from the 2nd symphony .....Mahler
"A song of summer" .....Delius
Prelude and love-death scene from "Tristan" .....Wagner
Symphony in D .....Franck

A nicely varied programme pleasantly played sums up the 13th concert of the season. Two works were unfamiliar and both of them were very enjoyable. First "A Song of Summer," which turned out to be fairly typical and therefore good Delius. Written in one movement (though the term is misleading because of its connotations of specific form) this work is in length just slightly longer than "On Hearing the First Cuckoo." It was composed round 1910. More interesting was the Concerto Grosso. The orchestrator, Vittorio Gui, a contemporary Italian composer has taken as his basis a lively sonata in three movements by Porpora, who lived from 1686 to 1766. In the expanded version the three instruments of the original, two violins and a cello, are retained as leading instruments. The work is a pleasant adaptation of classical musical thought to a setting that is modern but not aggressively so. Porpora is more noteworthy as a singing teacher than as a composer. In the former role he is said to have been the greatest ever.

Hardy Perennials

Of the two hardy perennials which completed the first half the Wagner was the better performed. Of all the Wagner excerpts which are in the orchestra's repertoire this one probably suffers least from treatment by a small orchestra. The "Andante con moto" from Mahler's 2nd symphony received the usual too slow and rather over-sentimental rendering; one that is foreign to its purpose in the symphony. But the obvious retort is that it was played out of its context and therefore the limits of good interpretation may be more elastic. And there is some thing in that.

The symphony was as pleasing as it should be. Musicians may point to its technical defects as much as they wish but they cannot deny the beauty that has made its popularity so permanent.—c.

Gen. Nishio Reviews Troops in Nanking

Nanking, Jan. 8.

General Toshizo Nishio, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces to China, reviewed Japanese forces, including mechanized units, on the parade grounds here this morning. Japanese Army planes soared overhead during the review.—Domei.

The campaign started in Szechuen province to raise contributions for winter clothes for soldiers will be wound up on January 15, says a Chengtu Chinese message to the "Sin Wan Pao." Up to January 7, the report adds, the campaign in Szechuen alone realized a total of $300,000.

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German War Council Meets

Amsterdam, Jan. 7.

The German War Council is meeting tomorrow to establish Germany's final attitude toward neutral nations and important decisions will be reached, it was reported from Berlin today.—Havas.

Chinese Mata Hari Arrested

Beautiful Woman Who Lured Japanese Officers

A Chinese Mata Hari, notorious woman spy who worked for the Germans during the first World War, has been arrested. It is reported that she has been arrested by Japanese gendarmes in Nanking who, it is alleged, found her working for the Chinese army in the guise of a sing song girl mingling with Japanese officers and soldiers.

The belated report does not mention in detail as to how she has been working but it is alleged that she has been obtaining information from the Japanese for her husband named Chu Shiu-shan, said to be a spy connected with Chinese guerillas operating in districts in north Kiangsu. It is further alleged that her husband has been meeting her in her establishment trying to transmit secret messages to the Chinese.

It is admitted that by virtue of her beauty she has been able to attract the attention of the Japanese thus enabling her even to steal documents carried by Japanese officers. She is also said to have obtained connections with Japanese officers responsible for defence works in the new capital. She has been turned over to the military court for trial.

The alleged Chinese woman spy is Miss Sun Siu-ti, which name she used as a member of the Hsing Hwa Lao Sing Song House at 5 Chu Chiao Road, Nanking. Aged only 21 she is said to be a native of Yangchow, North Kiangsu. She was "mortgaged" to the sing song house for only $400 in May of last year.

Full Report on Alleged Incident Sent

In reply to a Japanese request for further details of an alleged incident on Szechuen Road bridge when Miss Frances Donaldson, an American, reported that she had been slapped by a Japanese sentry, the American Consulate-General in Shanghai forwarded a report on January 4. This is being studied by the Japanese authorities, a Japanese Embassy spokesman revealed at the press conference yesterday.

U.S.M.C. Commander Calls on Japanese

First Interview Held with Gen. Fujita

Col. de Witt Peck, commander of the Fourth Regiment, United States Marines, called on Lieut. Gen. Susumu Fujita, general commanding the Japanese Forces in the Shanghai Area, at the latter's headquarters at Kiangwan at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. This was the first official visit made by Col. Peck, who arrived in Shanghai recently, upon the Japanese general.

Accompanying Col. Peck were Lieut.-Col. C. I. Murray, chief of staff, Capt. F. P. Pyzick, and Lieut. R. E. Honsowetz.

Col. Peck and his party were met at the Garden Bridge by Major Takashi Kishinami, Japanese staff officer, and a motor escort comprising a squad car carrying eight men with rifles with fixed bayonets.

Present at the interview at the headquarters were Major-Gen. Shozo Sakurai, chief of staff, and Major Kishinami.

"La Revue Nationale Chinoise"

The January issue of "La Revue Nationale Chinoise" should please everybody, whatever their tastes may be. There is an article by Pearl S. Buck on "Chinese Co-operatives." The well-known economist, René Bouvier, writes on "The Economy of French Indo-China." An instructive and amusing report on "Shanghai Publicity," by E. Loret, is accompanied by a number of interesting photographs. An item, with illustrations, on "Painting with the Tongue," and a translation of a few pages of an old Chinese cookery book prove that the picturesque China of olden times is not yet dead. The Far Eastern press reviews, a report on the Congress of the Kuomintang, and many articles on French Indo-China, on Social Leglislation in Japan, and other interesting topics, give valuable information on Far Eastern problems.

Japanese Diet Members Call on Wang Ching-wei

Mr. Chozaburo Mizutani, Mr. Juso Mina and Mr. Shigeo Abe, members of the lower house of the Diet, called on Mr. Wang Ching-wei at his residence on Yu Yuen Road on Sunday afternoon, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported yesterday.

They represented the Social Mass Party of which they are members, and urged Mr. Wang, who will be the central figure of the new Central Government of China, to redouble his efforts in his peace movement, the paper said.

The Social Mass Party, the third major political party in Japan, voted last month to support the new Government in China. The three party representatives arrived in Shanghai by plane on Friday, the Japanese daily stated.

Demurrage Case in Italian Court

Judgment to the amount of £582 6s. 11d. plus $800 attorney's fee, was awarded in favour of Mr. M. I. Soulevich of the Union Steamship Agency against Mr. F. G. Righini in the Italian Consular Royal Court in Shanghai by President Rapex. Dr. P. V. Terni appeared for the plaintiff, Mr. Soulevich, while Dr. A. A. Albini represented the defendant. The original claim was for £575, representing a demurrage of 11½ days at £50 per day of the ss. Mimer which was sub-chartered to the defendant by the plaintiff.

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Francs	3.48	$100
Yen	32⅞	100
Guilders	143/8	100
Rupees	26¼	100
Pesos	15½	100
Hongkong	$31⅝	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4⅞d.	$49.2306
U.S. $100 @ 8	1,250.00
London—demand, $1=	4⅞d.
4 months' sight credits	4⅛d.
4 months' sight docts	5 1/16d.
6 months' sight credits	5 d.
6 months' sight docts	5 1/16d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S. $8
4 months' sight credits	U.S. $8 1/16
4 months' sight docts	U.S. $8 1/16

NEW YORK/LONDON CROSS RATES

£1=U.S. $3.93⅝ U.S. $1=£0.97

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling 4 1/32d. U.S. $8 3/32
Hongkong/London 1/2 3/32

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Java Guilders	"	14⅜

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Selling Rate	@ 122	per	H.K.$100
Buying "	@ 127	"	H.K.$100

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£	Highest 4 1/16	Lowest	4 1/16
U.S. G.$	8 1/32		7 31/32
Yen	—		—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

	SELLING	BUYING
Cash		January
£ T.T.	4⅞	4 m/s. l.c. 5 1/32
G.$ T.T.	8	4 m/s. l.c. 8 1/16
Pcs. T.T.	358	4 m/s. 373
Rs. T.T.	27¼	15 d/s. 27⅛

NEW YORK/LONDON CROSS RATES

New York closing Rate for Cash	3.93⅝
Local sellers U.S.$ for Cash	3.93⅜
Local buyers U.S.$ for Cash	3.93⅞

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4⅜ sterling and 7¾ U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened with sellers for cash at 4 3/32 sterling and 7 31/32 U.S.$. At the opening there was some uncertainty about the continuance of selling from Hongkong in view of the rumours which have been circulating concerning the incidence of more rigid control in that port, and rates fell to 4 1/32 sterling and 7⅝ U.S.$ for near delivery. Later in the morning selling orders from Hongkong proved the earlier fears to have been groundless, and a steady rise resulted which continued throughout the remainder of the day, the market closing steady with sellers at:—

4 1/32	sterling	8 1/32	U.S.$ Cash
4⅜	"	8	" Jan.
4 1/32	"	7⅞	" Feb.

Yesterday's Rice Prices

Changshu per shih	(176 lb.)	$40.00
Sunkiang	"	37.50
Saigon	"	35.50

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Jan. 8	Bid Prices a.m. Closing	p.m. Closing
Atoks	.22 S	.21 S
Antamok	.17 S	.17 S
Baguio Gold	.23	.225 S
Batong Buhay	.015	.015 S
Benguet Consolidated	5.70 *	—
Big Wedge	.23 S	.23
Coco Grove	.16 S	.16 S
Consolidated Mines	.0035	.0035 S
Demonstration	.12	.12 S
East Mindanao	.115 S	.115 S
I. X. L.	.40	.40 S
Ipo Gold	.14 S	.14 S
Itogon	.305	.30 S
Mambulao Consolidated	.017	.017 S
Masbate Consolidated	.12	.12 S
Mine Operations	.115 S	.115 S
North Camarines	.16 S	—
Paracale Gumaus	.19 S	.185
San Mauricio	.93	.92 S
Surigao Consolidated	.21	.21 S
Suyoc	.13 S	.135 S
Syndicate Investment	.026	.52 S
United Paracale	.335 S	.335 S
Mindanao Motherlode	.095	.095 S

*—Over counter.
S—Sales.

Turnover for the Morning: 126,200 Pesos.
Shares Index: (Morning Session) 89.92.
—Reuter.

Rubber Companies Forward Sales

Messrs. Geddes Trading & Dairy Farm Co. Ltd., advise that the following companies have sold forward an additional five tons for January/February/March, 1940, at 38½ cents per lb., the Ayer Tawah Rubber Plantation Co. Ltd., and the Sungala Rubber Estate Ltd.

Ford £500,000 Order

With the approval of the British Government, a contract has been signed between the Rumanian Government and Ford Motor Company for motor ambulances and Fordson trucks, to the value of over £500,000.

The vehicles will be manufactured at Ford Works, Dagenham, and deliveries are to begin almost at once.

Japanese Govt. Bonds

Osaka, Jan. 8.

Kogo 5% Y.105.68
—Reuter.

Silver Quotations

London, Jan. 8.

Silver prices were fixed somewhat higher today, with quotations listed as follow:

	Jan. 5	Jan. 8
London spot	21 5/8d.	21 13/16d.
" forward	21 11/16d.	21 3/4d.
" gold	168/-	168/-

—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Extremely firm conditions were seen at the opening developing shortly into a wild scramble for practically every issue on the board; in fact, in can safely be said that it was a record day. Towards mid-day a reaction set in with holders naturally inclined to realize their profits. In the afternoon, it was noted that the shares which had risen the most were the heaviest sufferers while the more expensive issues held relatively steady. It is difficult to pick out those which were favourites since all seemed to be equally favoured.

Official Averages

1939 High	1939 Low		Today's Averages	Change
239.17	105.32	General	227.10	+ 7.66
395.68	95.55	Rubbers	383.10	+36.69

Total 1,322,806 shares, 110 bonds.

Business Done

S'hai Power 5½% Debs.				6000	88.50
†5000	88.50				
I. I. Trust		5500	*12.70	500	12.70
5000	13.00	2500	13.10	500	*13.30
500	13.40	500	13.30	500	13.40
1000	13.50	500	13.70	500	13.60
500	13.40	3000	13.30	1000	13.20
1000	13.10	500	13.00	500	12.90
†500	13.00	500	*13.10	500	13.10
1000	13.00	2500	13.10	500	13.00
1500	13.10	500	13.00	500	*12.90
S'hai Loan		500	15.40	500	15.30
5500	15.40	2500	15.60	1000	15.80
1500	15.80	500	*15.70	500	*15.60
1000	15.70				
†1000	15.50				
Yangtsze Finance		500	11.40	500	11.50
3500	11.70	1000	*11.70	1500	11.90
500	12.00	500	12.10	500	*12.30
1000	*12.40	500	12.40	1000	12.30
500	12.60	500	12.30	500	12.50
1000	12.40	3000	12.30	3000	12.40
500	*12.30	2000	12.30	500	*12.30
500	12.00				
†500	*12.20	6000	12.30	1000	12.10
1000	12.30	500	12.20	1500	12.10
2000	*12.10	1500	12.00		
China Realty		1000	10.20	500	10.10
3000	9.90	1000	9.80	1000	*9.80
1000	9.75	1000	9.80	1500	9.90
500	10.10	500	10.20	1000	10.30
500	10.40	2000	10.50	4000	10.60
1000	10.70	1500	10.60	500	*10.60
500	10.70	500	10.90	3500	10.60
500	*10.60	1000	10.70	1000	10.60
1000	*10.60	1500	10.80	3500	10.60
1000	10.50	500	*10.50	500	*10.60
1000	*10.50	500	10.60	1000	10.50
500	10.40	500	10.50	1000	10.40
3500	10.30	500	*10.30	1500	10.40
500	*10.30	1000	*10.20	3000	10.30
500	*10.20	2000	10.10	2000	*10.10
500	10.20	500	*10.20	500	10.10
500	*10.20				
†500	*10.30	1500	10.20	1000	10.10
1000	10.30	4000	10.20	1000	*10.20
2000	10.10	3000	10.20	500	*10.20
3000	10.10	1000	10.00	1000	10.10
500	*10.10	1000	10.00		
S'hai Lands		1000	*14.90	1000	15.00
500	*15.00	500	*15.20	1000	15.30
1000	15.40	500	*15.40	500	15.50
500	*15.60	500	15.70	500	15.90
2000	16.00	500	15.80	1500	15.70
†1500	15.50	500	*15.50	1500	15.30
2500	15.20	1000	15.10	1500	15.00
500	14.90	1500	15.00		
New Engineering		400	22.00	800	22.25
500	22.50	3000	23.00	100	22.75
200	23.00	500	22.50	600	22.75
200	23.00	2000	22.75	400	23.00
200	*22.75	100	*23.00	1300	22.75
300	*22.75	1400	22.50	100	*22.50
300	22.00	100	22.50	100	22.25
†1600	22.25	500	22.50	300	22.25
1900	22.00				
Wheelock		300	*77.50	100	77.50
2000	*78.00	500	78.00	100	77.50
200	*77.50				
†900	77.50	500	*77.00		
C. G. Omnibus		200	23.50	100	23.75
100	24.00	200	*24.00		
*400	24.00	300	24.25	100	*24.25
Telephone		200	*23.00	1100	23.25
1200	23.50	400	23.25	1700	23.00
*600	23.00				
Tram (Bearer)	£1			100	45.50
400	46.00	100	46.25	200	46.00
500	46.25	100	46.50	200	47.00
600	*47.00	200	46.75		
†400	47.00	100	46.75	400	47.00
Metal		700	19.00	400	19.10
200	19.20	400	19.30	200	19.40
200	19.50	1400	19.40	400	19.50
3900	19.60	100	*19.60	3000	19.50
†700	19.40	400	19.50	200	*19.40
1400	19.50	100	*19.50	300	19.40
400	19.50				
Kaiping				1600	49.00
†100	49.00				
Lumber				500	39.50
†100	*39.50				
Exploration		4000	8.90	1000	*8.85
1000	8.90	500	8.95	1000	8.90
4500	9.00	500	*9.00	500	9.05
3500	9.00	500	8.95	2000	9.00
1000	9.05	500	9.15	500	9.05
500	*9.10	3000	9.05	500	9.10
†1500	9.10	500	9.05	500	9.10
500	9.05	1500	9.00	2000	9.05
2000	9.00				
Power (Pref)				70	126.00
†10	127.00	20	*126.75	20	127.00
Ewo Mills (Ord)		200	30.80	200	30.90
300	31.00	100	31.10	300	*31.00
800	*31.10	200	31.10	400	31.40
900	31.50	300	31.40	800	31.50
100	31.40	600	31.50	100	*31.50
200	31.40	100	31.50	300	31.40
900	31.50	600	31.40	500	31.20
200	31.10	200	31.00	900	30.80
1200	31.00				
†200	31.00	600	31.20	800	31.10
100	*31.00	200	31.10	200	31.10
100	30.60	200	31.10	100	*31.10
300	31.00	100	30.90	400	30.80
700	30.90	300	30.80	300	30.70
100	*30.80	800	30.80	100	30.70
400	*30.70				
S'hai Cotton		100	160.50	200	161.00
Anglo Dutch		800	24.00	300	25.00
400	*25.00	200	24.75	300	24.50
100	24.75	300	24.25	300	24.00
400	*24.00	1200	24.25	2200	*24.50
†100	24.25	500	24.50	200	24.25
200	24.00				
Anglo Java		100	46.00	100	*45.75
100	47.00	100	48.00	100	48.50
900	49.00	100	48.75	200	49.00
100	*48.75	100	48.00		
†100	47.50	200	*47.50	300	47.00
600	46.00	1400	45.75	100	46.00
1100	45.75				
Ayer Tawah		500	7.85	2000	8.00
Batu Anam		1000	2.45	2000	*2.45
2000	2.50	4000	2.52½	4000	2.50
2000	*2.60	1000	2.65	5000	2.67½
1000	2.70				
†2000	2.65	1000	2.62½	3000	2.60
1000	*2.60	2000	2.55	2000	2.50
Bute		500	10.40	500	11.00
500	*11.00	500	*11.20	500	11.20
†1000	11.20	500	11.10	1000	11.00
500	11.10				
Chemor		1000	3.60	1000	3.70
4000	3.60	3000	*3.60	3000	3.70
†2000	3.65	1000	3.67½	4000	3.62½
4000	3.60	3000	*3.62½	7000	3.60
1000	*3.60				
Cheng		2000	1.56	3000	1.60
1000	1.64	7000	1.62	7000	1.64
3000	1.68	3000	1.70	9000	1.72
4000	1.70	1000	*1.70	3000	1.74
5000	1.72	3000	1.70	5000	1.72
1000	*1.74	10000	1.72	8000	*1.74
6000	1.74	12000	1.72	15000	1.70
4000	1.68				
†12000	1.68	2000	*1.68	1000	1.66
2000	1.64	3000	1.62	1000	1.60
2000	1.62	1000	1.60	2000	*1.60
9000	1.58	6000	1.52	2000	*1.52
1000	*10.90				
Consolidated		2000	10.00	2000	10.50
1500	10.60	2000	11.00	1000	10.90
1000	10.90				
†500	*10.70	1000	10.60	500	10.50
Dominion				3500	15.00
†500	*14.80	500	14.50	500	14.00
Java Consolidated				1000	6.00
2000	6.05	1000	6.10	5000	6.30
1000	*6.30	3000	6.40	1000	6.50
2000	*6.60	2000	6.60	3000	6.75
1000	*6.75	1000	*6.70	1000	6.60
5000	6.50				
†1000	*6.40	1000	*6.35	1000	*6.30
2000	6.30	3000	6.25		
Kota		1000	7.50	2000	7.60
2000	7.65	5000	7.60	1000	*7.70
1000	7.60	2000	7.50	1000	7.60
†1000	7.50	2000	7.60		
Kroewoek		1000	3.57½	1000	3.05
1000	3.70	5000	3.75	29000	3.80
5000	*3.80	4000	3.90	3000	3.87½
18000	3.90	1000	*3.90	3000	3.85
6000	3.90	1000	3.85	4000	3.80
1000	3.82½	1000	3.85	1000	3.82½
2000	3.75	2000	3.70	1000	3.65
10000	3.60	1000	3.57½		
†2000	3.60	3000	3.62½	7000	3.60
7000	3.65	2000	3.60	1000	3.62½
Langkat		1500	29.75	500	30.00
100	30.25	500	30.00	100	30.25
300	30.75	1300	30.50	700	30.25
200	29.75				
†100	*30.00	400	30.00	400	*29.75
1400	30.00	600	29.75	100	29.50
Padang		2000	4.00	1000	3.80
4000	3.70				
†1000	3.60				
Permata				4000	2.50
Repah		6000	2.07½	13000	2.10
4000	2.15	1000	2.25	1000	*2.25
2000	2.30	1000	2.35	4000	2.27½
2000	2.30	4000	2.27½	4000	2.20
1000	2.25	1000	*2.22½	7000	2.22½
2000	2.20				
†2000	2.22½	4000	2.20	6000	2.22½
2000	2.20	1000	*2.20	3000	2.15
1000	2.12½	1000	2.15	4000	2.10
Rubber Trust		2000	10.00	500	*10.00
1500	10.20	1500	10.30	5000	10.50
2000	11.00	1000	*10.90	2500	10.90
3000	10.80	500	10.70	2500	10.50
500	10.40				
†3000	10.50	2000	10.40	2000	10.50
500	10.40	500	10.00	1500	10.10
500	10.20	1000	10.10		
Samagaga		1000	2.75	1000	2.95
6000	2.90	5000	3.00	1000	2.90
†2000	*3.00	2000	2.90		
Semambu		6000	2.50	5000	2.55
5000	2.60	2000	2.55	2000	2.50
†2000	2.52½	1000	2.50		
Senawang		1000	2.70	1000	2.90
3000	2.95	2000	2.92½	1000	2.97½
3000	2.95	4000	*2.95	1000	2.90
1000	2.80	2000	2.75	3000	2.80
†14000	2.80	1000	2.95	5000	2.80
1000	2.75				
Kedah		1000	15.00	3000	*14.90
1000	14.90				
†1000	14.50	1000	14.20		
Kelantan		10000	1.60	2000	*1.60
8000	1.62	4000	1.68	4000	*1.70
1000	1.72	21000	1.74	3000	1.70
2000	1.74	3000	1.76	8000	1.78
9000	*1.74	11000	1.74	1000	1.72
14000	1.74	7000	1.72	2000	*1.74
1000	1.76	1000	1.78	2000	1.76
7000	1.74	1000	*1.74	3000	1.72
1000	1.70	1000	*1.70	1000	1.66
9000	1.70	1000	1.72	1000	1.70
†3000	1.66	9000	1.64	1000	*1.60
1000	1.60	1000	1.62	3000	1.60
11000	1.58	3000	*1.58	1000	1.70
6000	1.72	9000	*1.72	9000	1.70
2000	1.72	1000	*1.72	4000	*1.70
3000	1.70				
Pahang		1000	8.00	2000	8.25
1000	8.30	1000	8.25	1000	8.20
Seremban		6000	3.50	1000	3.30
†3000	3.40	1000	*3.45	9000	3.40
Sumatra				100	34.00
†500	34.00				
Sua Manggis				1000	4.00
†3000	4.00	1000	*4.00		
Sungala		500	9.50	1000	9.70
1000	9.90	5500	10.00	500	*9.80
1500	10.00	2000	9.90		
†5000	10.00				
Sungei Duri		100	75.00	100	74.00
†200	71.00				
Tanah Merah		1000	4.85	6000	4.95
6000	5.00	2000	4.95	2000	5.00
1000	4.80				
†4000	4.70	1000	4.65	2000	4.70
1000	4.65	3000	4.60	1000	4.65
Tebong		14000	2.27½	6000	*2.27½
2000	*2.20	3000	2.30	1000	2.32½
8000	2.35	1000	2.40	1000	2.45
11000	2.40	2000	*2.50	21000	2.50
1000	2.57½	1000	2.55	15000	2.50
1000	*2.50	1000	2.47½	2000	2.50
†17000	2.50	4000	2.47½	4000	2.45
1000	*2.42½	2000	*2.40	5000	2.40
2000	2.35	1000	2.30	4000	2.25
1000	2.30	1000	2.27½		
Ziangbe		1200	35.00	100	36.00
300	35.50				
†200	35.00				
Tebong		5000	2.47½	5000	2.50
Docks		100	250.00	200	235.00
S'hai Dock				*600	*230.00
Kapayang				200	30.00

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Tanah Merah				500	4.65
Kota				500	7.55
†500	*7.70	500	7.45		
Cheng				500	1.64
Exploration				100	8.95
†200	9.05	6	8.93		
Java Consolidated				500	6.70
†500	6.50				
Rubber Trust				300	10.70
†400	10.60				
China Realty		100	10.40	500	10.20
200	*10.10	100	9.95		
†200	*10.30	280	10.00	400	10.10
300	10.05	35	10.00	300	15.40
200	10.05	59	10.00		
Anglo Java				50	45.00
Tebong				200	2.27½
S'hai Land		118	15.30	300	*15.50
†100	15.30	100	15.40	100	15.60
Yangtsze Finance				300	12.30
Power (Pref)				1	125.75
S'hai Loan		200	*15.60	100	15.50
†5	15.40				
Batu Anam				500	2.65
Repah				210	2.20
Samagaga				†500	2.87½
I. I. Trust				†100	12.90
Chemor				†750	3.67½
Padang				†200	3.55
Langkat				†5	29.75
Kroewoek				†300	3.60
Seremban				†300	2.35
Int. Assurance				†268	8.90
Sua Manggis				†500	3.92½
Tanah Merah				†199	4.60

†—Afternoon Business.
*—Direct Business.

American Exports To Britain

Important Banking Group Formed to Assist British Importers of U.S. Goods

An important group of bankers headed by Messrs. N. M. Rothschild and Sons has been formed to assist British importers of American goods to overcome difficulties arising from the American Neutrality Act, states "The Financial Times."

This group is in a position to afford special facilities in connection with American exports to the United Kingdom. Its assistance would vary with the needs of the importer, but if necessary it could arrange for the Control to release dollar exchange to pay for the goods in America before shipment.

The New Trading Company is the medium through which help will be afforded by these bankers: Messrs. N. M. Rothschild and Sons, Messrs. Wm. Brandt's Sons and Company, and Hambros Bank. The directors are Sir A. McFadyean (chairman), Mr. P. Kohn-Speyer, Mr. H. O. Lucas and Mr. S. G. Warburg.

It is a private company which was registered in October, 1934, to carry on business as financiers, merchants and bankers.

Neutrality Act Effects

The American Neutrality Act, in addition to lifting the embargo on armament sales, contains important regulations in respect of exports of general merchandise to belligerent countries. Goods which a British importer wishes to ship to the United Kingdom must become his absolute property before shipment takes place.

Normally shipping documents are made out to the order of the exporter and endorsed by him in blank, so that in the event of his buyer not taking up these documents the exporter or his agent has still his title to the goods. Under the new Act shipping documents cease to represent any such security in respect of shipments from America to the United Kingdom and it will therefore be necessary for the method of payment to be adjusted to the changed conditions.

New Procedure

Since the Act applies to existing as well as to future contracts many British importers will soon be faced with the necessity of agreeing with the American exporters upon a new procedure.

It is probable that greatest use of the new facilities offered will be made by those interested in the considerable imports of miscellaneous merchandise from America. In the case of the great bulk of cotton imports, for example, since it has been passing between the same houses on both sides of the Atlantic for many years it is probable that it will continue to take its accustomed course.

The development now being put into operation by the New Trading Company will assist in particular those people who have had to make individual applications to the Treasury for permission to make dollar payments.

In general, the machinery which the New Trading Company will evolve to deal with British imports from America will have the effect of replacing the financing of this trade by the American banks which are precluded from this business by the Neutrality Act.

New Markets For Britain

Wartime Export Policy Must Aim at Increasing Foreign Trade, Especially to Latin America

IT is not enough for a wartime export policy to aim merely at the maintenance of the volume of British exports. Our foreign purchases will go up in volume and in value, and if we are to avoid a dangerous depletion of our reserves of gold and foreign assets the volume and value of our exports must also be increased. But exports cannot be increased just by turning a handle; somebody has to be persuaded to buy British goods who has not bought them before. It is beside the point to preach an increase in exports unless it can be proved that there is scope for it, states "The Economist."

The volume of international trade, however, is not rigidly limited to a fixed amount—still less any one country's share in it. Much could undoubtedly be done to expand British exports by the general remedies of improving salesmanship or lowering price. Some increase will follow automatically from the enhanced prosperity of the countries that produce raw materials—though since their prosperity will be derived mainly from our purchases, we can hardly hope to do more than recover in exports some part of the increase in our imports. Much the best opportunity for an expansion of British trade arises from the fact that Germany is cut off, for the duration of the war, from trade with the outside world. This article is devoted to an inquiry into the possibility for Britain of stepping into Germany's shoes in the markets she has been compelled to abandon.

The extent of these markets is shown below:—

Germany's Overseas Exports, 1938

	German Exports In Rm. millions	In £ millions @ Rm. 20=£1
Mediterranean countries (a)	406.8	20.3
United Kingdom	350.9	17.5
British Empire	349.1	17.5
U.S.A.	149.0	7.5
Central and South America	588.8	29.4
Asia (b)	256.1	12.8
Total of above	2,100.7	105.0
All countries	5,256.9	262.8

(a) France and French Mediterranean possessions, Spain, Spanish Morocco, Portugal, Egypt.
(b) China, Japan, Siam, Dutch East Indies.

Germany's trade with these countries, therefore, made up about two-fifths of her total exports last year, and its value, omitting the exports to the United Kingdom itself, came to about £90 millions even on the lowest reasonable valuation of the Reichsmark. Here, clearly, is a large and promising field for British export expansion.

Germany's overseas exports were naturally made up of a large number of different items. Ten items, however, make up roughly three-quarters of the total: they are (in approximate order of value) iron and steel wares, machinery, electrical appliances and machinery, coal and coke, chemicals and dyes, machine tools, vehicles, textile piece-goods and paper. There are some of these—machine tools and chemicals—in which Great Britain might be unable to supply the same order of goods as were bought from Germany; this is borne out by the fact that the United Kingdom itself was a heavy purchaser of these goods from Germany. Five categories of goods may therefore be picked out for special attention. They are those which Great Britain is *prima facie* well equipped to supply, and they make up almost half of Germany's exports to the overseas countries. The figures are shown in the table at the foot of the preceding column.

Germany's Overseas Exports, 1938

(Rm. millions)

	Coal and coke	Iron and Textile and piece-goods	steel wares*	Machinery	Electrical Machinery and appliances	Total Miscellaneous forgoing	Total exc. coal and coke
Mediterranean countries	102.2†	12.4	44.1	75.9	31.6	266.2	164.0
United Kingdom	....	24.0	35.6	53.6	11.9	125.1	125.1
British Empire	5.4	24.0	35.6	53.6	11.9	125.1	125.1
U.S.A.	0.3	2.2	15.6	11.3	2.0	31.9	31.6
Central and South America	17.3	25.1	124.0	50.3	36.9	253.8	236.3
Asia	0.2	2.3	69.2	38.6	16.3	126.6	126.4
Total of above	125.4	79.9	367.3	288.4	120.0	981.0	855.6

*Inludes pig iron, steel plates and finshed goods.
†Of this, Rm. 86 millions represents coal transported overland to France.

The table illustrates even more clearly the important place that Latin America plays in Germany's overseas trade. When coal is eliminated (and the German sales of coal to France are hardly comparable with the other items in the table), Latin America becomes by far the most important region. What is more, it is the only region where German trade has successfully ousted British trade in recent years. Latin America is not only the largest market vacated by Germany, but the one where least pioneering on the British part should be necessary. Latin America, in short, is a test case, and it may appropriately be considered in more detail.

Latin America is at the moment having to adapt itself, for the second time in twenty-five years, to the economic consequences of hostilities in Europe and the blockade of Germany. From the Rio Grande to the Straits of Magellan there is scarcely a republic which is not reaping the bitter fruits of barter with Germany. In Uruguay a huge hydro-electric plant was being built on the Rio Negro by German engineers with German material in exchange for shipments of meat and wool. Earlier this year the Argentine Government agreed to barter wheat for locomotives and rolling stock. One shipment of wheat was dispatched to Germany, but it was intercepted by the British Navy. No German locomotives have been sent. From Brazil, compensation trade brought Germany large orders for steel and railway equipment, which cannot now be fulfilled. Many of the smaller republics have been left with large quantities of aski-marks now valueless. In addition the interruption of shipping services, the general uncertainty and the confusion following the introduction of war controls in Great Britain, have placed temporary difficulties in the way of trade with this country. Reports from several republics speak of

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ss. DAIREN MARU	Jan. 16	Jan. 18 at 9 a.m.
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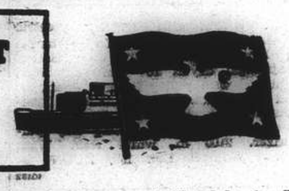

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Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From KOBE: Taiyo Maru, due 2.30 p.m. Wayside Wharf.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal part. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai. Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From LISBON		From SOERABAYA	
Torrens	10/12 30/1	Tjinegara	29/12 15/1
From TRIESTE		**From MANILA**	
Fusijama	21/11 15/1	H. Maersk	8/1 14/1
C. Verde	21/12 17/1	Tjinegara	7/1 15/1
Himalaya	21/12 7/2	**From HONGKONG**	
From KARACHI		See "China Ports" below	
Fusijama	16/12 15/1		
Sumatra	27/12 20/1		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK		From SEATTLE	
Vigrid	10/10 12/1	Collingsworth	6/1 31/1
D. Aurora	— 11/1	**From PORTLAND**	
L. Maersk	25/11 12/1	Agra	23/12 28/1
A. Maersk	9/12 24/1	**From HONOLULU**	
Mokihana	10/2	Asama M.	9/1 10/2
Sophocles	24/12 14/2	**From KOBE**	
Sorholt	30/12 21/2	L. Maersk	7/1 12/1
From PANAMA		**From NAGASAKI**	
Sophocles	4/1 14/2	Shanghai M.	10/1 11/1
From LOS ANGELES		**From KEELUNG**	
A. Maersk	30/12 24/1	Hukuken M.	8/1 10/1
Asama M.	1/1 10/2		

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN		From MOMBASA	
Tegelberg	15/12 22/1	Tegelberg	2/1 22/1

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN		From HONGKONG	
Hoten M.	9/1 11/1	D. Aurora	8/1 11/1

Weather, Time and Tide

Tuesday, January 9, 1940 (1st day of 12th moon)	SICCAWEI Jan. 7 16.00	21.00	Jan. 8 4.00	9.00
Barometer inches	29.94	29.94	29.99	30.11
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.02	—0.14	—0.11	+0.01
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	—0.16	—0.16	+0.05	+0.17
Wind (direction)	SE/S	SE	NW	NE
" (miles per hour)	9.3	8.1	5.0	9.9
Temperature (Fahr.)	53.2°	44.1°	42.3°	50.0°
Humidity %	72	100	100	88
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	0	0	M	0
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report January 7	Mean 1940	24 hrs. variation	67 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.02	+0.06	30.34
Temp. Min. 37.°9 Max. 59.°2	48.°1	—5.°9	38.°1
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	—	—	0.27

Time and Tide	9/1	10/1	11/1	12/1	13/1
Sun rises at Shanghai ..	6.54	6.54	6.54	6.54	6.54
Sun sets at Shanghai....	17.07	17.08	17.09	17.10	17.11
Moon rises at Shanghai ..	6.13	6.58	7.39	8.16	8.51
Moon sets at Shanghai..	17.04	17.58	18.53	19.46	20.39
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	10.00	10.35	11.19	11.54	12.45
Ebb, makes Shai. 6 to 18	15.40	16.06	16.38	17.10	17.40
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	12.10	12.39	13.08	13.45	14.26
Ht. above LLW. (feet) ..	7.20	7.52	8.00	7.68	7.27

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ss. SATARTIA	Jan. —	Feb. —	Feb. —	Mar. —

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Kobe Sailings		MEXICO MARU	Feb. 5
For South America via S. Africa		**Keelung Sailings**	
BRAZIL MARU	Jan. 17	**For Haiphong, Saigon and Bangkok**	
For South America via E. & S. Africa		BANGKOK MARU	Feb. 3
ARIZONA MARU	Feb. 27	**Kobe Sailings**	
For Bombay		**For Australia and New Zealand**	
SUMATRA MARU	Jan. 26	TOKYO MARU	Jan. 31
LONDON MARU	Feb. 11	**For West Africa**	
For Calcutta		*ALASKA MARU	Jan. 25
BORNEO MARU	Jan. 24		
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For COPENHAGEN		L. Maersk	15/2
Triton	29/1	**For SAN FRANCISCO**	
For GENOA		P. Coolidge	16/1
C. Verde	21/1	P. Taft	29/1
For CALCUTTA		Agra	1/2
Haraldsvang	12/1	P. Cleveland	12/2
For BOMBAY		Asama Maru	17/2
Okitu Maru	24/1	P. Pierce	26/2
For CAPETOWN		**For YOKOHAMA**	
Tegelberg	23/1	Suwa Maru	24/1
For JAVA		**For KOBE**	
Tjisadane	11/1	Taiyo Maru	12/1
Tjinegara	18/1	**For NAGASAKI**	
Tjibadak	1/2	Nagasaki Maru	12/1
For NEW YORK		Nagasaki Maru	16/1
H. Maersk	15/1	**For DAIREN**	
Tamesis	22/1	Dairen Maru	10/1
Sakito Maru	30/1	Hoten Maru	13/1
M. Maersk	1/2	Tsingtao Maru	16/1
		Dairen Maru	18/1
		Hoten Maru	21/1
		Tsingtao Maru	24/1

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TJISADANE Jan. 11. AMOY, HONGKONG, MUNTOK and JAVA PORTS.—The J.C.J.L. ms. Tjisadane sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung, on Thursday, January 11, at 4 p.m., taking cargo to Hongkong, Muntok and Java ports. Passengers' tender leaves Customs Jetty at 2 p.m. Excellent passenger accommodation. Through tickets issued to European and Australian Ports. For particulars apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V. Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. 16247 (4 Lines). 11-1

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Vessels Discharging

NELLORE. The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer Nellore, from Australia and Ports. —This steamer is discharging Cargo at the Old Ningpo Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Cargo. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" will further be required to send their Representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such Cargo whilst it is being landed. Examination of ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Old Ningpo Wharf on Saturday, January 13, at 9 a.m., by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. All Claims against this steamer must be sent in within fifteen days from date of Steamer's arrival, or they will not be recognized. All risks of Fire etc. at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by the Consignees of the Cargo. Pro. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents. 10-1

Vessels Discharging

TYNDAREUS. From Vancouver arrived on Jan. 6, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on January 15, 1940. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Friday, January 12, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected, Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 9-1

Post Office Notices

The following times apply to the Head Post Office, Szechuen Road Bridge. Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

TUESDAY, January 9.		Reg.	Ord.
Ninghsien Yungkia etc. via Chinhai		*20.00	7.15
Hongkong and Canton		*20.00	8.00
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia		*20.00	8.00
Amoy Swatow and Canton		8.30	9.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00
Hongkong and Canton	x	19.30	20.00
WEDNESDAY, January 10.			
Tsingtao and Dairen		*20.00	7.15
Tsingtao Yeihaiwei Chefoo Tientsin		*20.00	8.30
Hongkong and Haiphong		8.15	8.45
Tsingtao		9.30	10.00
Ninghsien Yungkia etc. via Chinhai ..	x	10.30	11.00
Hongkong and Canton	x	15.30	16.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00
THURSDAY, January 11.			
Japan and Korea via Nagasaki		*20.00	7.15
Formosa via Keelung		*20.00	7.30
Tinghai and Shenkiamen via Tinghai		*20.00	8.00
Aust. N.Z. Indo-China and Java Ports	ax	8.15	9.00
Amoy Hongkong and Canton	x	8.30	9.00
Amoy and Hongkong		9.00	9.30
Foochow and Swatow via Amoy		9.00	9.30
Nantung		14.30	15.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for Netherlands India, closes at 16.00
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Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service per steamer on January 11, at 8.15 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary due London on January 24.
Pan American Airways Service per steamer on January 11, at 8.15 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary due San Francisco on Jan. 23.
Air France per steamer on January 11, at 8.15 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary.
Neth (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Batavia-Naples) per steamer to Hongkong.
Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per steamer to Hongkong.
Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service: daily at 3 p.m.

Domestic Air Mail

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Light Train Mail

Via N.S.R. 8.45 a.m. and 10.20 p.m.
Kiangpei offices north and west of Jukao 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Hangchow 11.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
North Pinghan and Lunghai Line (Chenghsien and east thereof) 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
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Remarks: For Europe via Siberia:—Mails for Europe via Siberia are despatched on every Tuesday and Friday per trains via Nanking and Tientsin to connect with the Trans-Siberian trains.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
Per steamer via Pacific, Jan. 12, due L'don Feb. 19.
Per steamer via Suez, Jan. 13, due L'don Feb. 16.
Per steamer via Suez, Jan. 20, due L'don Feb. 19.

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Dahpu	Port Redon	Wallem
Tjisadane	Hongkong	J.C.J.L.
Mohlenhof	Ningpo	Carlowitz
Korea	Dairen	E. Asiatic
Milazzo	Ningpo	Sheng Ma
Avemaria	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Luise	Haimen	Ger. Machine
Dairen M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
Chekiang M.	Tsungming	T.K.K.
Sandro Sandri	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Hwaming	Hsinkong	Win Fo
Gran	Port Coubert	Wallem
Anwoo	Hsinkong	Dah Hsing
Hwaping	T'lungkong	Hwa Chung

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Taiko M. 18	Jap.	T.K.K.
Romolo	Ital.	V. Chieri
Hukoku M	Jap.	Showa S.S.
Nagasaki M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Tokiwa M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Chingning M	Jap.	T.K.K.
Heiei M. 6	Jap.	T.K.K.
Tyosa M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Suitai	Br.	Chu Foong

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
Oahu	Am.	Gbt	U.S.N.B.
Pigeon	Am.	Gbt	Y.P.D.W.
E. Cariotto	Ital.	Gbt	J.N.B.
Lepanto	Ital.	Gbt.	J.N.B.

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The Assassin

(From the "Daily Herald")

Stumbling almost like a drunken man, Lopez went hurrying from the scene of his crime. He kept to the darkened side of the streets, dived down dim back alleys, cut over back gardens — any subterfuge to throw the police off his track.

For the police were surely after him, even now, though his Excellency the President had been dead but ten minutes.

For the shot that Lopez had fired at the figure in the presidential garden had startled the quiet dusk as if it had been a bomb, and Lopez had seen, in those interminable moments he had waited for his way of escape to be clear, the civil guards rush from their quarters and raise the hue and cry.

Not that Lopez really feared the police. He knew that if he were caught he would be shot. But Lopez did not, he assured himself, really mind being shot. He wanted only a few more hours of life to taste to the full the sweet joy of his crime.

Mother of God! But how his name would be honoured in all the South Americas! For did not everyone hate the President, grinder of the poor, betrayer of his country? "Lopez showed the world wnat we do with traitors," people would say, after the Revolution had come. Maybe they would raise a statue to him, and girls would take flowers there on each anniversary of his death.

There were few people about, but at the bottom of the street, under a lamp, a figure was standing. As he drew nearer, Lopez swore under his breath. "Margueretta," he whispered. His heart was gripped with fear. If Margueretta saw him she would denounce him. And Lopez did not want to die just yet.

Unafraid, But Teeth Chattered

He was not afraid, he assured himself, even though his teeth chattered as he turned to hide in an open doorway. Perhaps Margueretta would go soon.

But Margueretta, humming to herself, seemed in no hurry. And soon, drifting down the street to where Lopez waited, came the sound of voices, and the soft lovely laugh of Margueretta. Lopez carefully poked his head round the corner to see who was with her. A man, worse than a man, a civil guard. At the sight of his tunic, Lopez shook fearfully.

"The guard is telling Margueretta that Lopez has murdered the President," he thought. "The whole town is now looking for Lopez. There is a price on his head. A hundred gold dollars to the first man or woman who captures Lopez."

But Margueretta was laughing, and the sound went echoing up and down the darkened street. Lopez writhed in anger and jealousy.

"She does not believe the guard. She thinks Lopez not brave enough to shoot the President. Let her wait, let her wait. Soon she will say, 'I knew Lopez the martyr. Lopez knew what to do with traitors. Lopez once held me in his arms.'"

Abruptly, the civil guard turned on his heel and walked away. Margueretta's soft laugh followed him. She even walked a little way in the direction he had taken.

Lopez saw his chance. He slipped from the doorway and padded softly across the road into an alley which led away from the Via Maria.

But too late. He heard a girl's startled cry, the swift running of feet and his name called in the voice he knew as Margueretta's.

Fled Into the Darkness

Lopez fled into the darkness. Whatever happened, Margueretta must not hold him this night. He must find somewhere to hide, and quickly.

He dodged in and out of a labyrinth of back alleys, until Margueretta's cries faded away in the quiet night.

Then, wiping away the beads of perspiration from his forehead, he tried to make out his position. Ahead of him, a dark mass against the stars, was a church, and next to the church was, he knew, the priest's house, with a long garden.

No one would dream of looking for an assassin in the garden of the priest's house. He burst open the wicket gate.

It was dim and quiet inside, and the grass was dew-wet. But the damp rising from the earth made Lopez shiver, and he suddenly remembered that at the end of the garden was an inn. He heard noisy laughter coming from the inn, and suddenly felt he wanted a drink. After all, a man who has murdered a president deserved a drink.

He stole in at the back, with his hat down over his eyes, and sat at a small table in a dark corner. In what he thought was a disguised voice, he called for a bottle of red wine. And as it was brought to him he felt the innkeeper's suspicious eyes searching his face.

The inn seemed fairly full, and Lopez, staring through the haze of tobacco smoke, tried to take stock of the jumble of noisy laughing figures by the bar. He wondered if he knew them, but not once did any of them turn his way. For they did not know—yet—that Lopez had murdered the President.

Lopez swallowed the last drop of his wine and rose from the table, swaying a little. A little heady, this wine, he thought, as he tried to brace himself. Then he lifted his face jauntily. It was not every man's lot to be a martyr. He strode openly, almost brazenly, past the bar. The laughing figures gave him, at most, only a cursory glance. But one day, soon. . .

Blue-Uniformed Officers

Lopez hardly remembers what happened next. As he passed through the door to breathe the cool night air there was suddenly a rush of people, a mix-up of civilians and blue-uniformed military officers and, in the midst of all, Margueretta. Lopez only knows that he turned and fled.

Maybe it was the wine, or maybe he was just careless, but Lopez found his feet inextricably mixed with a table leg and he fell heavily to the floor.

And the next thing he knew was waking up in what was apparently one of the inn bedrooms, with Margueretta holding his hand and a whole lot of strangers looking on.

"My hero!" Margueretta was saying. "My hero!"

Lopez opened his eyes warily. What did Margueretta mean, saying such things, and the police so near? Anyway, how his head ached! Some one brought him brandy, and he lapped it greedily. Then the innkeeper placed another pillow under his head. He began to feel better. The thought occurred to him that, for an assassin, they were treating him pretty well. Perhaps the Revolution had already come.

One of the gay-uniformed officers was saying something. "The whole country is proud of you. The President wishes personally to thank you."

"The President wishes t-t-t-ttt — —." Lopez trailed off into feeble stuttering.

"You are too ill to talk," Margueretta was saying, as she placed her arm around him.

"You saved the President's life," the officer went on. "You preserved him from the blow of a cowardly assassin."

Mistake Somewhere

Some mistake somewhere, thought Lopez, groaning as sharp pains shot through his head. But his eyes opened wide as the officer continued: "Only your shot saved the President from certain death."

"Keep still, Lopez, my brave," Margueretta admonished, as Lopez stirred uneasily beneath the flow of the officer's talk.

"You were very gallant indeed to stalk the would-be assassin to the Presidential garden and there to shoot him before he could harm a single hair of our beloved Leader."

They helped Lopez to his feet, and with Margueretta clinging adoringly at his side, he walked with the others out of the inn.

The crowd at the bar this time stopped their laughing and stared at him with obvious admiration.

Lopez puffed his chest. He swaggered. The country was proud of him.

For not to every man comes the honour of saving the life of a President.

Soviet Press Bitter At Venice Talks

Rupture of Relations with Italy Possible

Berne, Jan. 8.

The Italo-Hungarian talks held by the Foreign Ministers of these two countries in Venice two days ago were commented upon most bitterly in the Soviet press today, the "Corriere del Ticino" reported from Moscow.

Soviet papers strongly criticized the interpretation given the conversations by the Italian press which stated that their object was strengthening of the ties between Hungary and Italy in face of the Communist threat.

The "Corriere del Ticino" added that the tension between Italy and the Soviet Union will increase as a result of the conversations, with a complete rupture between the two countries most probable.

Satisfaction of Hungary's claims upon Rumania and settlement of the Hungarian minority question in Rumania as well as the strained relations between Bucharest and Budapest was asked by Count Stephen Csaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, in Venice, the "Corriere del Ticino" declared through its Budapest correspondent.

Count Ciano, while stressing that Italy fully supports Hungary's claims, said Italy could not discuss this question now because it would jeopardize the peace plans contemplated by Rome in the Balkans, the correspondent stated. The Italian Foreign Minister pointed out that, according to the Italian view, Hungary's claims are part of a general plan for the reconstruction of Europe which will be discussed upon the conclusion of the present European conflict.

Italian political circles say the Venice conference was the first of a series of political and diplomatic exchanges of views the Italian Government intends to undertake to create, in Balkan and Danubian Europe a bulwark against an extension of the present European conflict to South-Eastern Europe.—Havas.

Famous Athlete to Head Lectures in France

Speakers for R.A.F. Include Abrahams, Evans of Broke

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Jan. 8.

H. M. Abrahams, British Olympic champion and well-known sports commentator, who is now engaged in the Ministry of Economic Warfare, will be the first of a number of lecturers on matters of topical interest to Royal Air Force units in France, according to Reuter's special correspondent with the R.A.F. in France. He is flying from England today to the British zone in France, where for five days he will lecture twice daily.

Other lecturers include Mr. Arthur Beverley Baxter, Conservative M. P. for the Wood Green division of Middlesex and a journalist and novelist; Captain William Wedgwood Benn, Labour M. P. for the Gorton division of Manchester and formerly Secretary of State for India; and Admiral Sir Edward Evans (Evans of Broke).

There have been requests for proper classes and facilities for correspondence courses. These will also be met.—Reuter.

Britain's Chief Censor Resigns for Naval Work

Home Secretary Thanks Admiral Usborne

London, Jan. 8.

The Home Office announces that Vice-Admiral Usborne, Director of Censorship since the outbreak of war, has resigned.

He has taken this step to undertake naval work in connection with the Admiralty's construction programme.

The Home Secretary, Sir John Anderson, today expressed his appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Vice-Admiral Usborne since the initial organization of censorship.

It has been known for some time that Vice-Admiral Usborne has been contemplating resignation to be free to take new work.

The name of his successor has not yet been announced.—Reuter.

Red Troops Urged To Revolt

Grubby Pamphlet Says Finnish War Against M. Stalin's Desires

Stockholm, Jan. 7.

The tentacles of a deep mystery gripped the Red Army in Finland today as a grubby little leaflet, carrying the sensational words of a bomb-like proclamation, appeared among the ranks, the "Aftonbladet," newspaper of the People's Party, reported today.

The newspaper went one further and published a fascimile of the proclamation, which asserted that Josef Stalin is opposed to the Finnish campaign but has been forced into it by his generals.

"Comrades," the mysterious leaflet—whose origin, Finnish or Russia, no one knew—asserted, "comrades, kill your officers, kill your commissars! Comrades, your commissars, officers and generals continue the war in Finland against the ideas and wishes of Josef Stalin. Comrades, in turning your bayonets against your leaders, you will carry out the wishes of Josef Stalin, father of the proletariat country," the proclamation concluded, according to the "Aftonbladet."

Publication of this mysterious leaflet scored a worldwide scoop for the "Aftonbladet."—Havas.

Soviets Conscript Foreigners

Berne, Jan. 7.

A large number of foreigners in Soviet Russia recently was compelled to take up arms against the Finns, the Helsinki correspondent of the "Corriere della Sera," Milan newspaper, reported today.

He founded his statement on the confessions of one of the foreigners thus forced into military service and later captured by the Finns. The man was a refugee from Germany who fled to Russia in 1931. "I was mobilized in Leningrad," this German said, "together with a lot of other Germans, Austrians, Czechs and Hungarians. When the Finns attacked, however, we threw down our rifles and surrendered."—Havas.

FUNERALS

Mrs. Jenny Behrens

In the presence of a large attendance at mourners the funeral took place at the Hungjao Road Cemetery yesterday of the late Mrs. Jenny Behrens who passed away at her residence on Friday at the age of 68. The chief mourners were Mrs. Anna Mooney, daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Madar, daughter and son-in-law.

The service in the chapel was conducted by the Rev. T. Y. Hsu of the Church of Our Saviour who also officiated at the grave side. The pall-bearers were:—Messrs. J. Bailey, H. L Hayward, G. Knox, G. Lee, J. Sinclair and F. Edwards.

A beautiful floral cross from Anne, Mary and Fred and a floral heart from grandchildren were lowered into the grave with the casket. Among others sending wreaths were:—

Winfred Mooney, Victor, Fred and Daisy, Bill and Fanny, Mr. and Mrs. Ame Madar, Mrs. S. Madar and Amina, Mrs. Sarah Madar, Dr. and Mrs. Chadwick Kew and family, Eric and Daisy, Lucie and Bob, Mr. A. L. Brandt, Neily and Dick, Mrs. M. Veir and family, John, Bertie and Lillie Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Knox, James Pettersson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bailey, Mrs. P. O. Neil Dunne, Mrs. J. Minty, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Ahmed and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Munnings, Mr. and Mrs. G. Madar, Mrs. E. Linde, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brandt, Mrs. Shirazee St., Mr. and Mrs. H. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Manley, Mr. R. L. Underwood, Mr. H. C. Knox, Mr. and Mrs. George Knox, Mr. W. S. Lonborg, Mr. J. A. Smith, Mrs. S. Kingman, G. and H. Abbass, Mrs. Wilson and Connie, Mr. W. H. Abel, Maureen and Freddie, Mary Sinclair Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Sinclair and Miss Mildred Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Shirazee and Mrs. R. R. Crooks, Alma and Elizabeth Soelberg, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Pennecard, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Quincey, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Shirazee, Mrs. R. Whitmore, Mrs. A. J. Willis, Mrs. Anna Koch, Mr. and Mrs. Vic. Evans, Miss Lee and Daisy Sinclair, Mr. Samuel C. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Lee, Marie and Family Nanking, Women Bible Class Church of Our Saviour (Shanghai), Mr. Philip Chu, Mr. Geo. M. Lee, Mr. John M. Chu, etc.

The funeral arrangements were carried out under the direction of Messrs. Thomas MacDonald & Co.

Mr. H. Crawford Pape

A cremation service for the late Mr. Henry Crawford Pape of Messrs. Reiss Bradley & Co., whose death occurred at the Country Hospital on Friday was held in the Bubling Well Cemetery Chapel yesterday. There was a large attendance of deceased's colleagues and friends. The chief mourners were the widow, Mrs. Gladys M. Pape, and a young son. The very Rev. A. C. S. Trivett was the officiating clergyman. On the coffin rested a beautiful wreath from Glady's, Nana and Papa, Mary Harry and Tony, while surrounding it were floral tributes from among others:—

The Directors, Messrs. Reiss, Bradley & Co., Ltd., Messrs. Reiss, Bradley & Co., Ltd., Shanghai, Messrs. Reiss, Bradley & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, the China Printing & Finishing Co., Ltd., Mr. and Mrs. T. W. C. Tuck, Mrs. Edith Grace Smith, Miss I. Shaaniavsky, J. B. Winter, V. A. Isaacs, K. G. Bunger, Mr. L. H. Wade, Mr. H. L. Block, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Evans, M. Tiedemann, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Evans, Mr. K. S. Wong and Mr. H. P. Wong.

The arrangements for the funeral were under the direction of Messrs. Thomas MacDonald & Co.

Ambassador to Poland Returns to Japan

Tokyo, Jan. 8.

Mr. Shuichi Sako, Japanese Ambassador to Poland, who left Warsaw when German troops were marching on the capital in September of last year, returned to Tokyo on Sunday following a tour of Europe.

He was reunited here with members of his family who returned to Tokyo immediately after hostilities broke out.

A large crowd of officials of the Foreign Office and friends of Mr. Sako gathered at the station to welcome him.—Domei

Prince Saionji Has Cold

Tokyo, Jan. 8.

Prince Saionji, last of Japan's elder statesmen, is suffering from a cold at Okitsu since Sunday, it was reported today. Anxiety was felt for the last of the Genros because he had slight fever and because of his advanced age. He is 92 years of age.—United Press.

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